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There was a man, a very untidy man,
Whose fingers could nowhere be found to put in his tomb.
He had rolled his head far underneath the bed:
He had left his legs and arms lying all over the room.

Three Young Rats and Other Rhymes
(The Museum of Modern Art)

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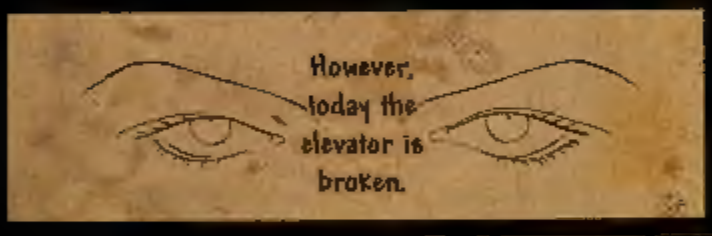
At 9:30AM I get out of bed and change into my uniform. I go to every room in a five story apartment building and collect the Morkwall.

The Spiral Staircase

Translation note = This title was originally in French, and in French a spiral staircase is called a "snail staircase".

I'M HERE TO COLLECT THE MORK-WALL.
My job isn't any more difficult than that...

THANKS FOR ALWAYS COMING TO GET IT.
And I can usually finish collecting them all in the morning.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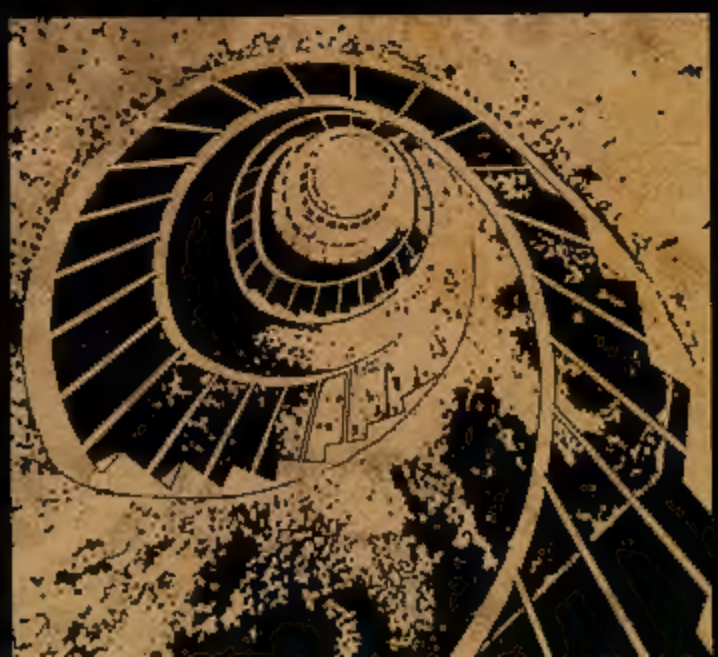

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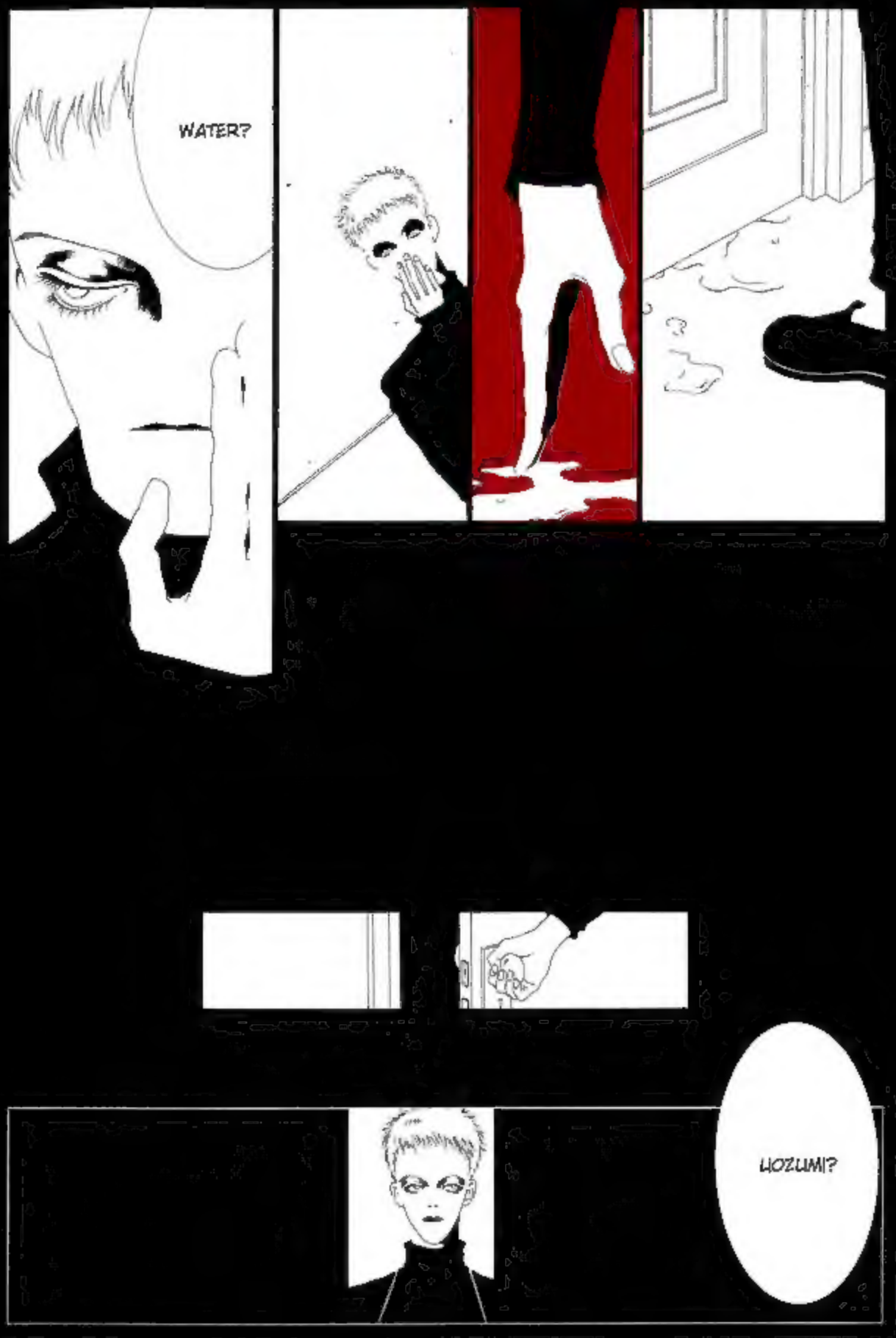
Having to use the stairs isn't such a huge deal in itself, but the fact that I have to change my routine vaguely irritates me.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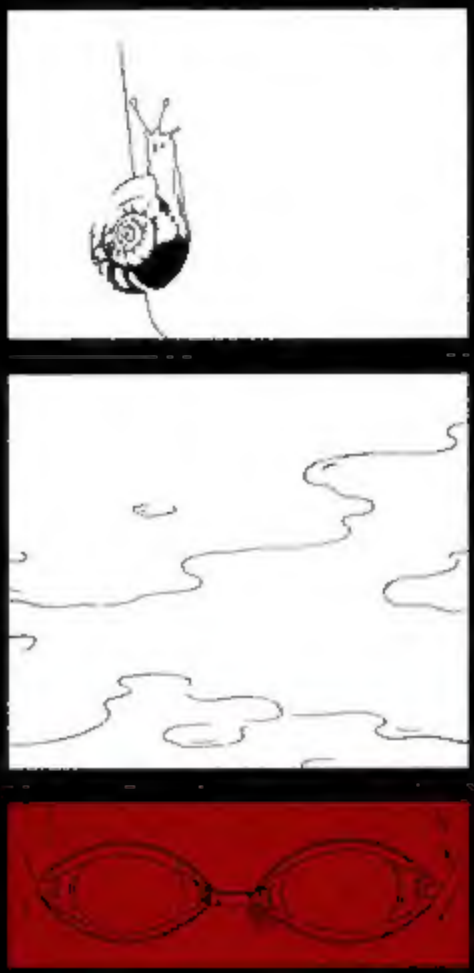
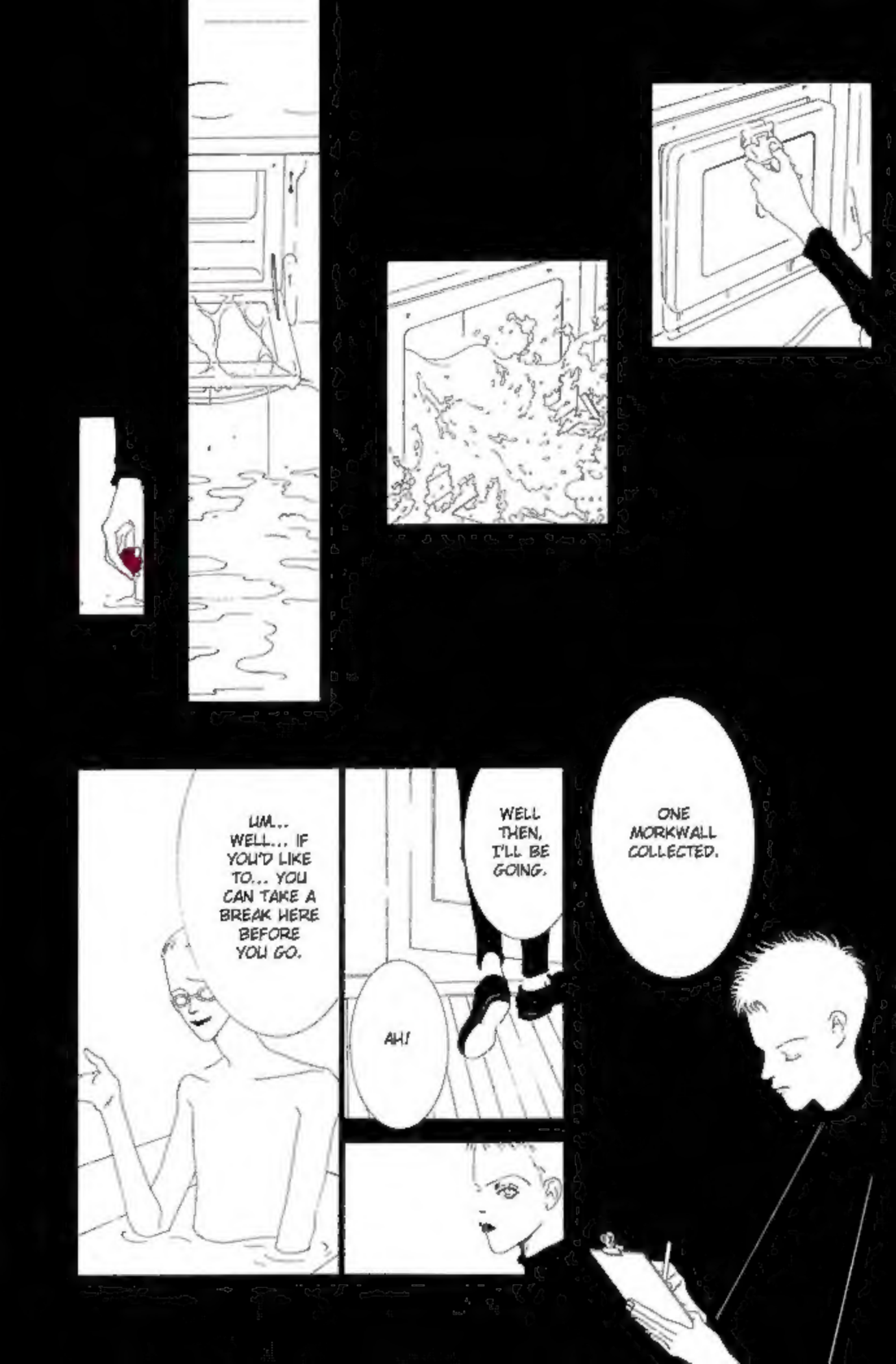
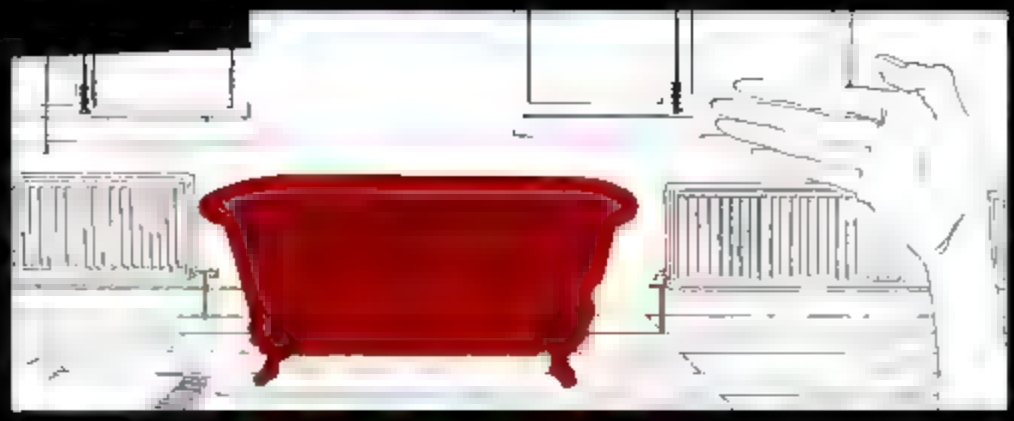
HOZUMI?



I'M HERE FOR THE MORKWALL.
CAN I OPEN IT?
SURE, GO AHEAD.
IF I REMEMBER RIGHT... IT SHOULD BE IN THE OVEN..


ONE MORKWALL COLLECTED.
WELL THEN, I'LL BE GOING.
AH!
UM... WELL... IF YOU'D LIKE TO... YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK HERE BEFORE YOU GO.



He really did look disappointed...

But it can't be helped.

People everything dies, for [illegible] isn't working.

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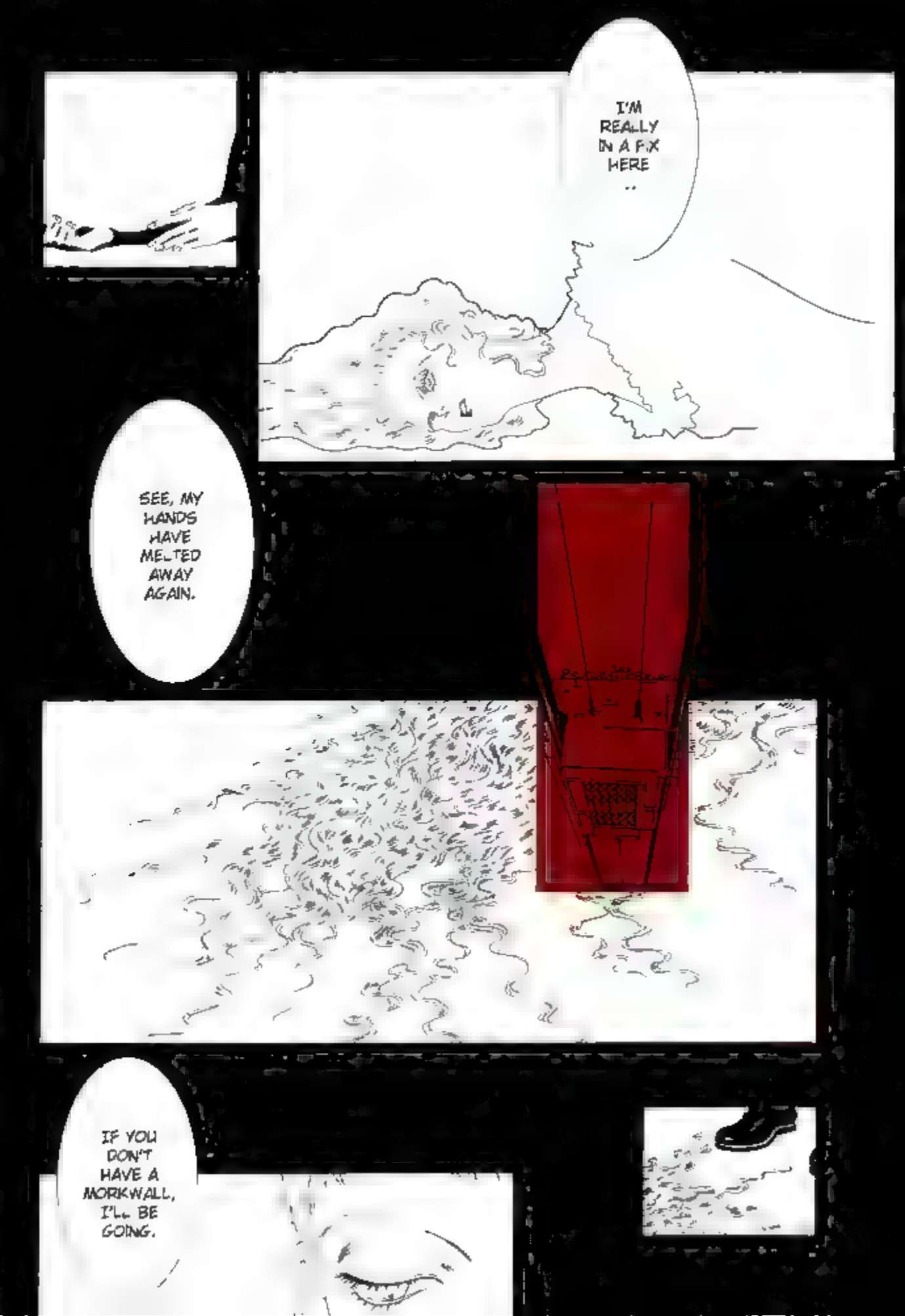
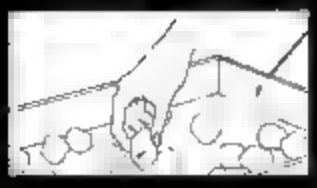
THE MURKWALL?
DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT WENT?
I ...
MY ROBOTIC CAT TOOK IT AND LEFT.


I'M REALLY IN A FIX HERE ..
SEE, MY HANDS HAVE MELTED AWAY AGAIN.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE A MORKWALL, I'LL BE GOING.

While walking on the stairs...
I was suddenly
Struck with nausea
My watch has struck twelve.
That doesn't change the fact that I have to collect all the Morkwall from this apartment building before the day is up

Even so



Even so, I bet it's because the elevator's broken that everyone suddenly wants to drag me into pointless conversations today.

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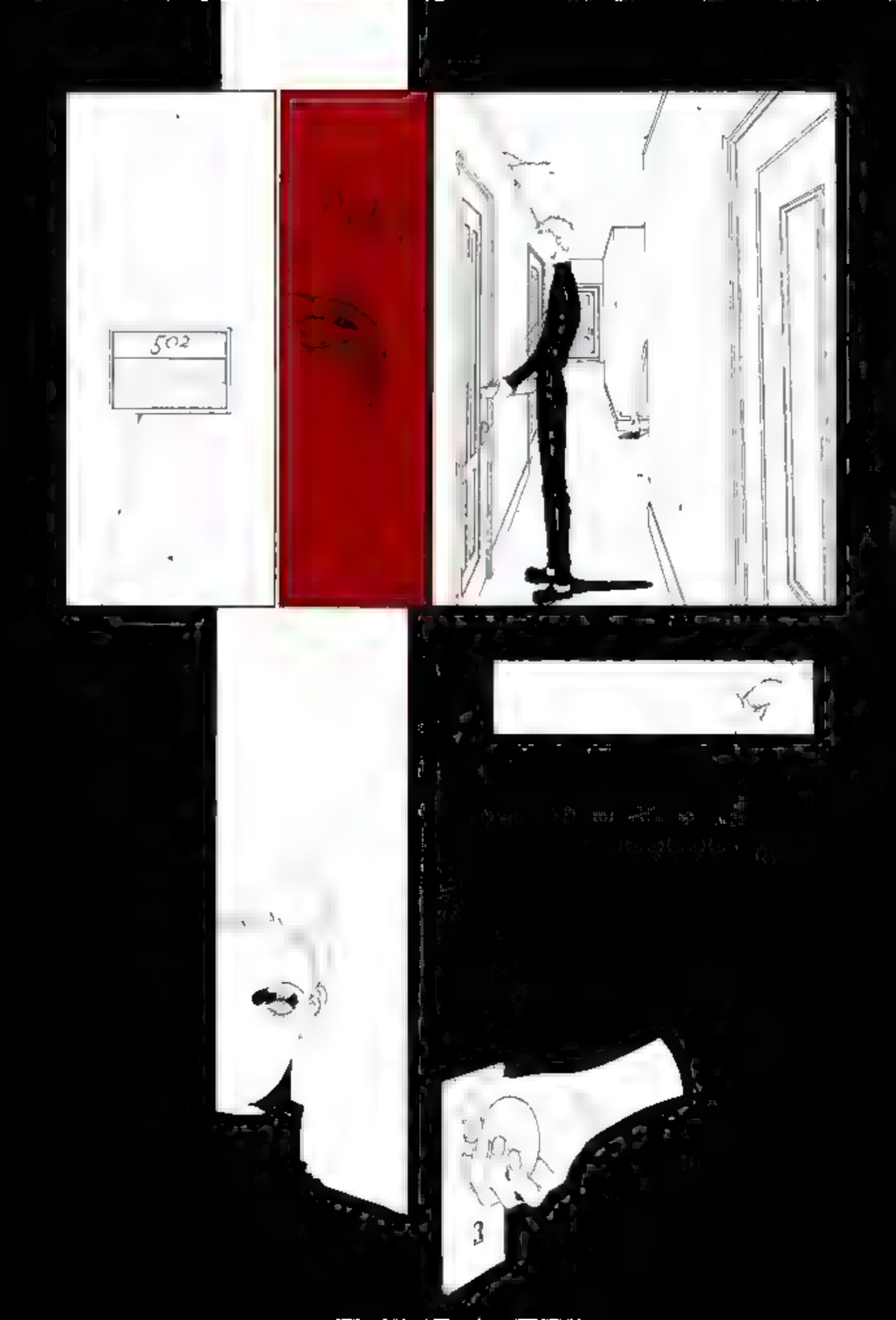
I'M HERE FOR THE MORK-WALL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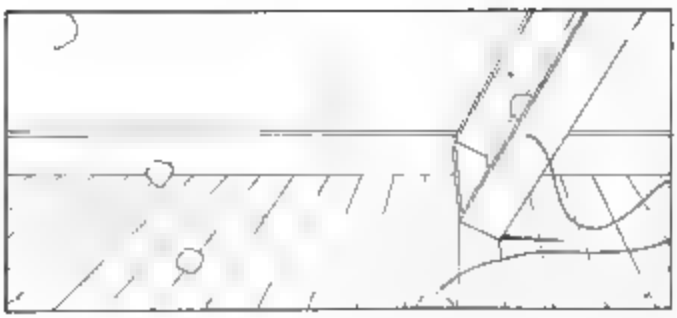
Oh, that's
right..

This is
my room



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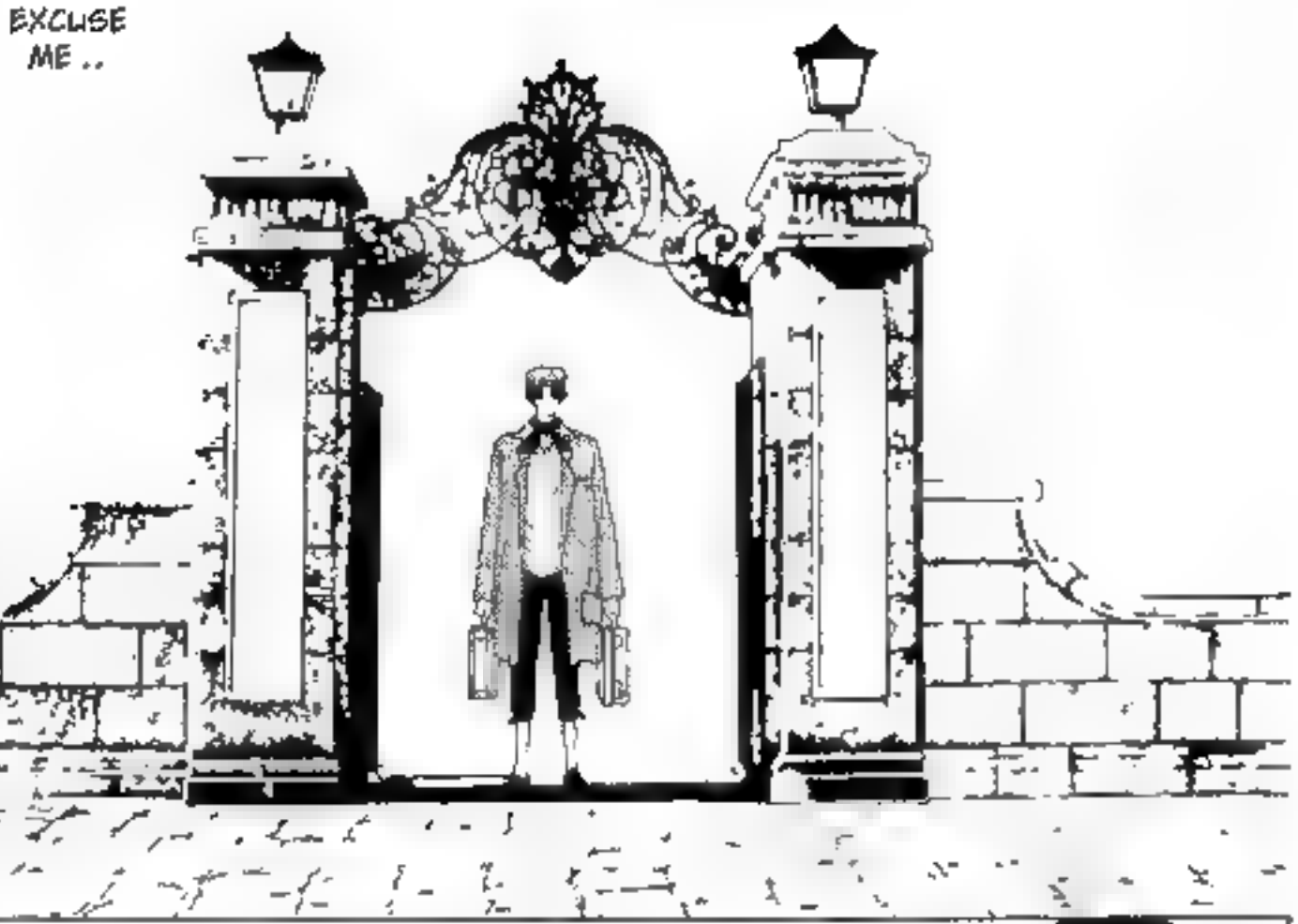
- Mother Goose -

chapter 1

OH, SORRY, MY GOGGLES FOGGED UP AND I COULDN'T SEE ..

UOZUMI, IT'S YOUR TURN

EVERYONE BID YOUR FINAL FAREWELLS TO K...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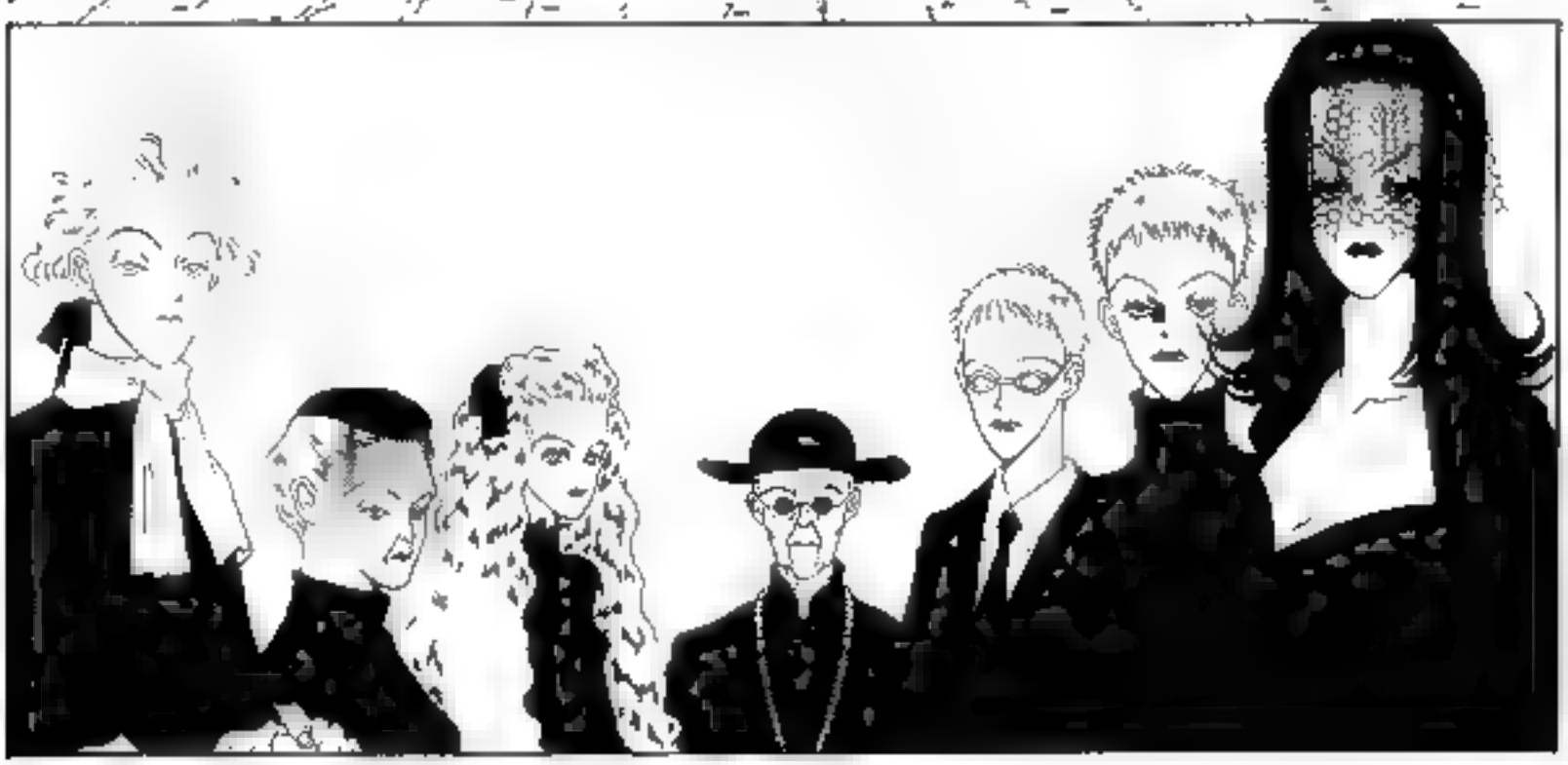

HOW DO YOU GET TO APARTMENT BUILDING SIXTY-SEVEN?

ROOM 301.

HE SAID ROOM 301!

MUFFMUFF MUFFMUFF

I'LL BE RENTING A ROOM THERE STARTING TODAY.

NUMBER 301.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

WHAT IS IT?

YES ...

IF YOU'LL WAIT UNTIL THE FUNERAL IS OVER, WE'LL TAKE YOU THERE.

WE ALL LIVE IN THAT BUILDING TOO.

TRULY? THAT WOULD REALLY HELP ME OUT I'LL WAIT HERE, THEN.

.....

UM, WHO WAS IT THAT PASSED AWAY?

AH, I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU TAKE MY LUGGAGE.

THIS IS NOTHING, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

THIS IS THE THIRD FLOOR.

K, THE PERSON WHO USED TO LIVE IN ROOM 301, IS THE ONE WHO DIED.

HM?

THE LANDLORD DIDN'T TELL YOU?

.. OH MY.

PLUS, I DON'T REALLY PLAN ON STAYING HERE THAT LONG.

NO, THAT'S OKAY.

IT'S FINE. IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME THAT MUCH

HM?

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO? IF YOU DON'T WANT TO STAY HERE, I CAN TALK WITH THE LANDLORD FOR YOU.

...

IT FIGURES... I THOUGHT THIS WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

REALLY ..

HEY, WANIBU-CH!

THANKS. IT'S REALLY A PAIN TAKING A BATH WITHOUT HOT WATER. I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

OH, SURE. I'LL STOP BY AFTER I CHANGE.

COULD YOU COME BY MY ROOM LATER? THE WATER HEATER ISN'T WORKING VERY WELL.

WELL, HOZUMI IS A NICE GUY, BUT HE'S A LITTLE STRANGE. HE ALWAYS WEARS THEM.

WHY IS HE... WEARING GOGGLES?

WELL, EVEN THOUGH THAT'S WHAT I SAY, I'M BASICALLY THE UTILITY MAN FOR THIS APARTMENT. RIGHT NOW I'M WORKING ON FIXING THE ELEVATOR.

WANIBUCHI. I'M AN ENGINEER, AND I'M IN ROOM 106.

THANKS FOR THE HELP .?

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HERE'S YOUR ROOM.

YES.

MAYBE THIS IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT ..

YOU THINK IT'S HAUNTED?

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY WITH THIS ROOM?

OH, NICE TO MEET YOU.

MY NAME'S MIKAYA.

NOPE, I'M AN ENGI-NEER.

SO YOU'RE NOT A MINISTER ...?

I'M NOT TRYING TO FORCE YOU TO CHANGE YOUR MIND, BUT .

ORDINARY DEATH.. ?

NO.. I MEAN... NO... IT'S JUST IT WASN'T .. EXACTLY AN ORDINARY DEATH

IT'S JUST STRANGE.

COULDN'T FIND HIS CORPSE ANYWHERE.

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A
PROCESSION
OF
K

"YOU... COULDN'T FIND THE CORPSE?"

THAT'S RIGHT, WE COULDN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE.

SO... YOU'RE NOT REALLY SURE THAT HE'S DEAD ..?

HE COULD HAVE JUST DISAPPEARED OR RUN AWAY...

WE'RE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT K IS DEAD

NO.

...

THEN THAT CASKET . ?

...

IT'S EMPTY

IF ANYTHING'S EVER TROUBLING YOU, YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON ME. WANIBUCHI FROM ROOM 105.

OKAY.

AHAHAHA, WELL. DON'T GET SO BENT OUT OF SHAPE OVER IT.

GREAT.

ANYWAY, I'VE GOT TO FIX UOZUMI'S WATER HEATER, SO I'D BETTER GET GOING.

AH.. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING..

..WELL THAT'S JUST STRANGE.

OH, CRAP.

...

EXCUSE ME? I'M THE GUY WHO LIVES ABOVE YOU.

I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT IT...

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MIZUKI

OH... WELL... MY TUB OVER-FLOWED AND I FIGURED SOME WATER WOULD HAVE LEAKED DOWN HERE . .

EH?

HELLO, I'M MIKAYA. I JUST MOVED INTO ROOM 301 TODAY.

I KNOW, I SAW YOU AT THE CEMETERY.

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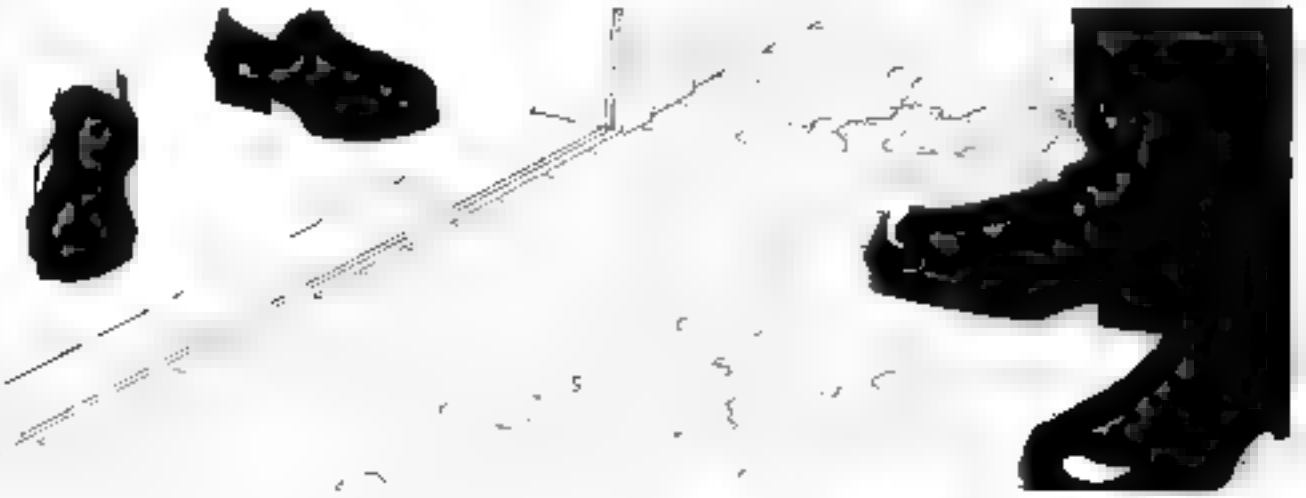

FORGET ABOUT IT, WOULD YOU...

CARE TO RELAX FOR A BIT?

Well maybe it is leak ing through

It kind of looks like it does?

HM? OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS TO ME. FROM THE HUMIDITY, I GUESS.

I THOUGHT SO. I'M SORRY, IT LOOKS LIKE I'M ALREADY BEING A PAIN...

REALLY? THAT'S TOO BAD.

HUH?

UM, WELL... I'VE STILL GOT TO PUT SOME THINGS IN ORDER...

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A RING.

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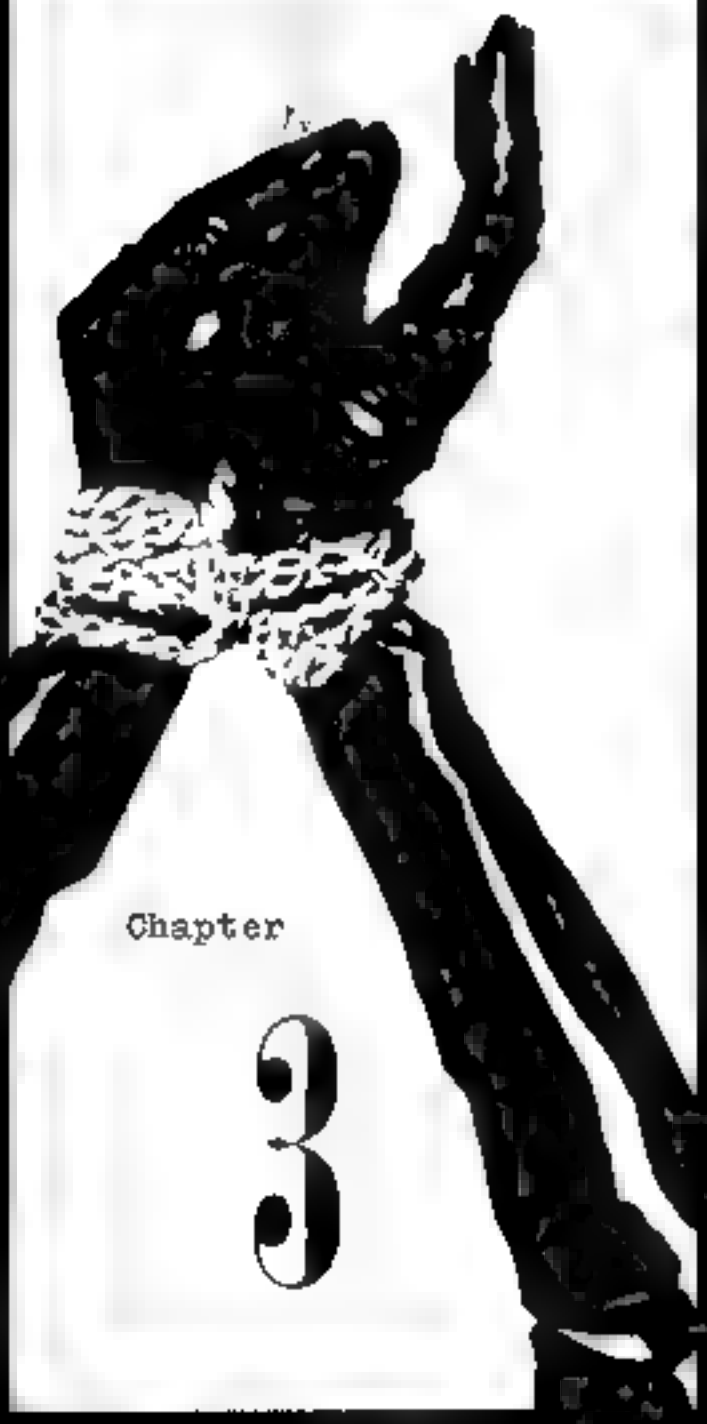

Chapter

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a funeral procession of

In my dream...

There was a voice calling me.

"COME

HERE."

"COME THIS WAY."

"GIVE ME...

YOUR SOUL."

HAHH

HA!

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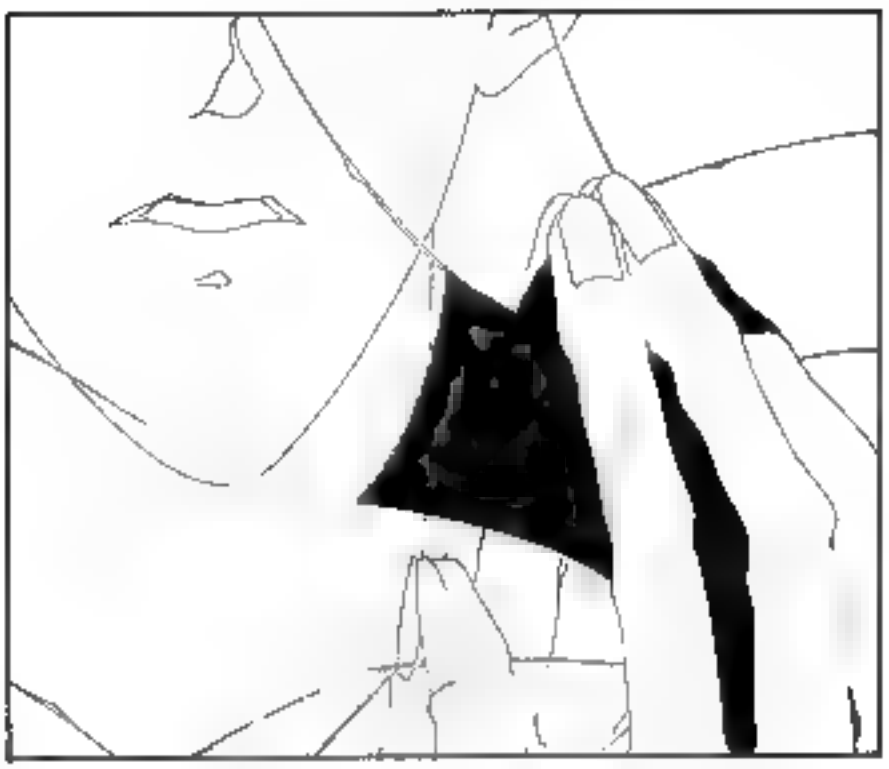
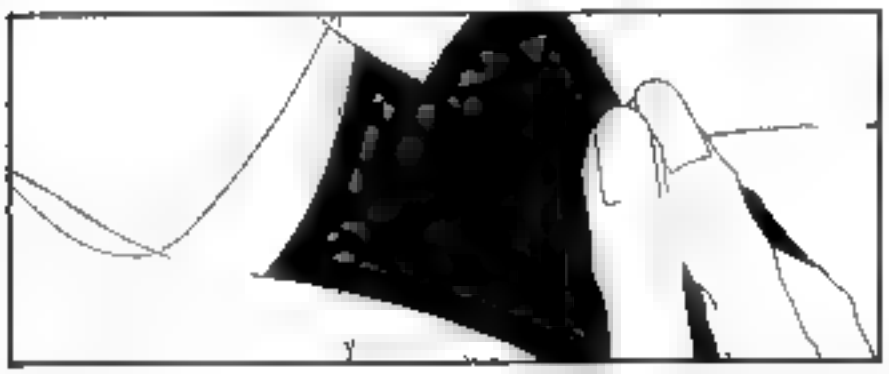
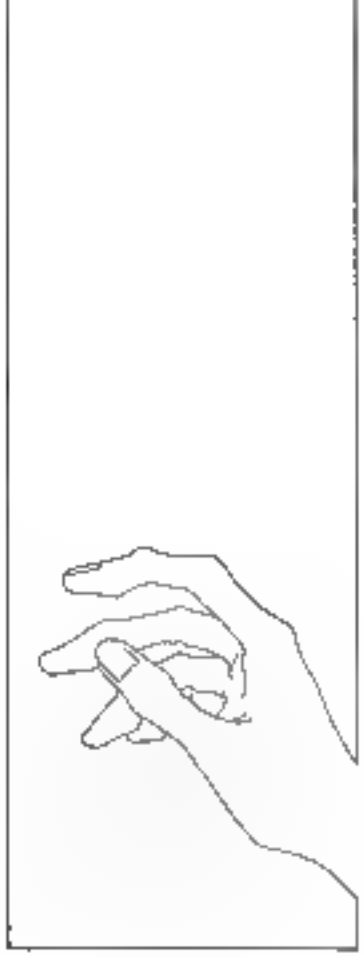
.....







WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I USED A KEY
HUH? HOW DID YOU GET IN MY ROOM?

SO USING THE SAME STUFF AS A DEAD GUY DID DOESN'T FAZE YOU AT ALL.

HMPH, IT'S ALL THE SAME FURNITURE ...

...

!

OF COURSE NOT! IT'S JUST..

AH.. IT'S JUST THAT I CAN SAVE MONEY THIS WAY SO DON'T PUT IT LIKE THAT ..

HMPH.

JUST WHAT?

...

HUH?
UM, WAIT

FINE,
WHATEVER.
MY CAT DIED
TODAY,

AND I'VE
GOT TO GO
BURY IT. I'LL
SEE YOU
AROUND.

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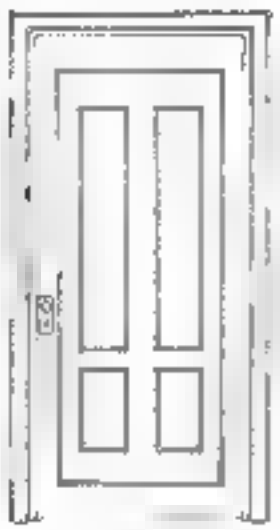

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a funeral procession of K

THANKS FOR YOUR BUSINESS. I'M THE BUTCHER. WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER SOMETHING?

HUH ...?

THAT'S RIGHT. TODAY'S SPECIAL IS CHICKEN THIGHS. YOU CAN FRY THEM OR DO THEM TERIYAKI-STYLE.

AS A SPECIAL OFFER, WHEN YOU PURCHASE SOMETHING, YOU GET A UMIGARASU* EGG FREE OF CHARGE.

THE... BUTCHER?

Note: an Umigarasu is a type of seabird

I'M THE BUTCHER. YOU CAN FIND ME IN THE NORTH CORNER OF THE FIRST FLOOR. PLEASE USE MY SERVICES FROM HERE ON OUT, AND TAKE THIS AS A TOKEN OF OUR ACQUAI-NTANCE

YES, I'M MIKAYA.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO JUST MOVED IN, AREN'T YOU?

REALLY?

JUMP

UM, THANKS, BUT I'M SET FOR TODAY.

EH?

OH, NOTHING... I JUST THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING FROM NEXT DOOR...

MAYBE IT WAS A RAT OR SOME-THING. THAT ROOM'S UNOCCUPIED.

WHAT IS IT?

HMM?

clack

OH YES, I FORGOT.

clack

OH THANKS

I'LL BE ON MY WAY.

GEEZ. . WHAT'S UP WITH THE PEOPLE IN THIS BUILD-ING ..

YOUR FINGER'S BLEEDING.

YOU SHOULD GET IT TREATED.

clack

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THERE ISN'T ANYONE LIVING THERE.

dack

dack

THIS ROOM'S BEEN CLOSED FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW, AND THE KEY IS LOST TOO.

I DIDN'T HEAR IT MYSELF, BUT I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT IT

WELL, THERE WAS A NOISE FROM INSIDE ..

A NOISE?

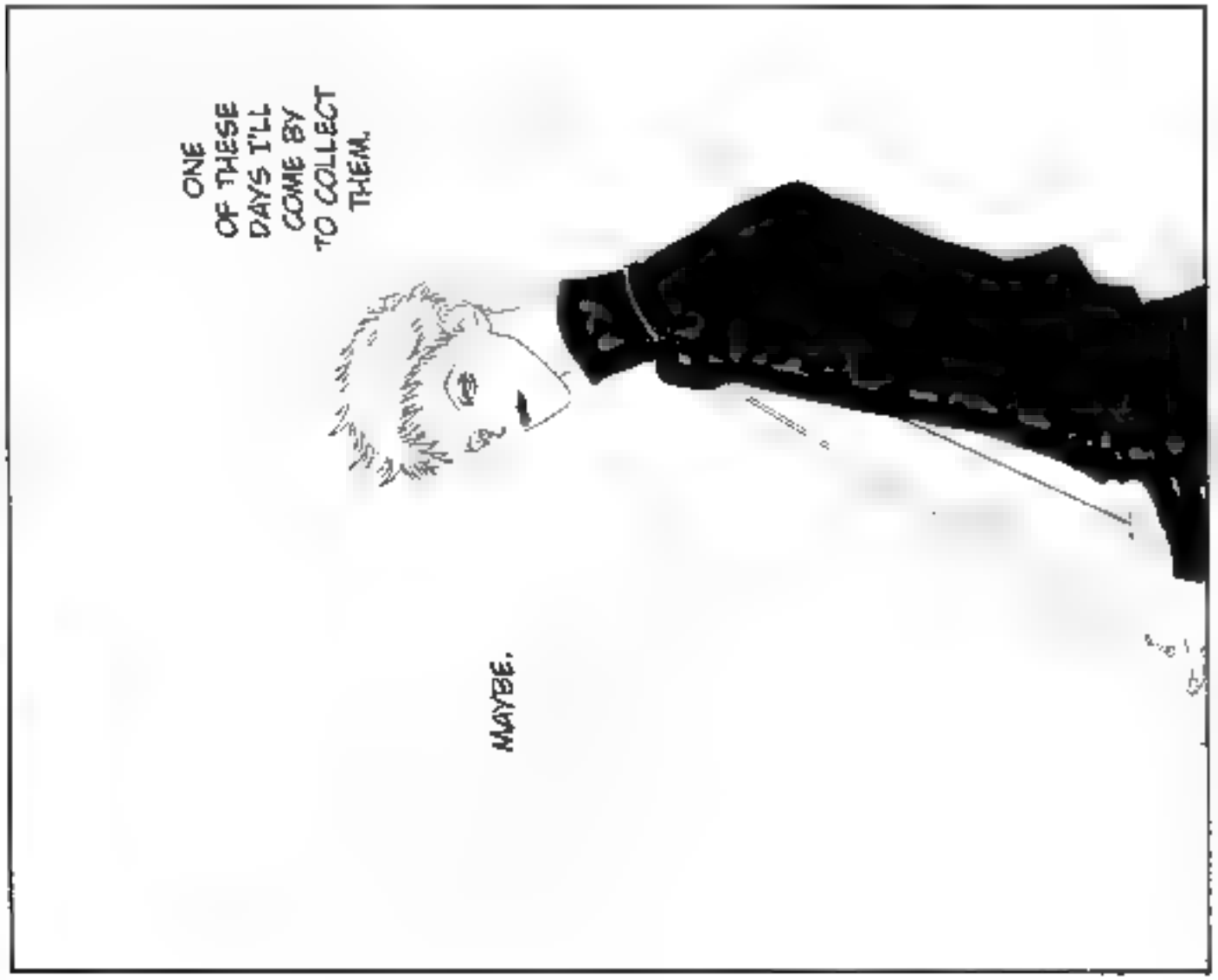
YEAH, THAT'S PROBABLY IT.

THEN IT REALLY MUST HAVE BEEN A RAT OR SOME-THING.

OH, THESE?

THEY'RE MORKWALL DO YOU HAVE ANY?

WHAT'S THAT?



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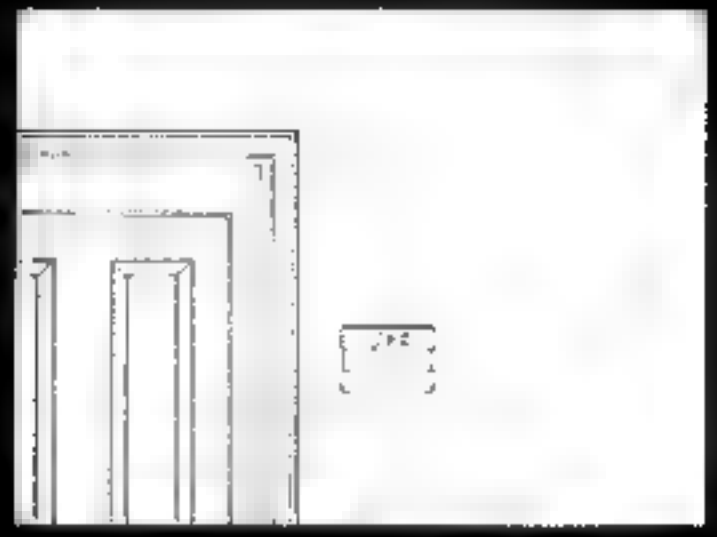
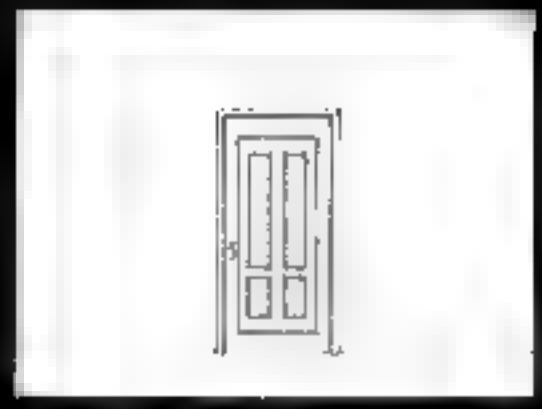
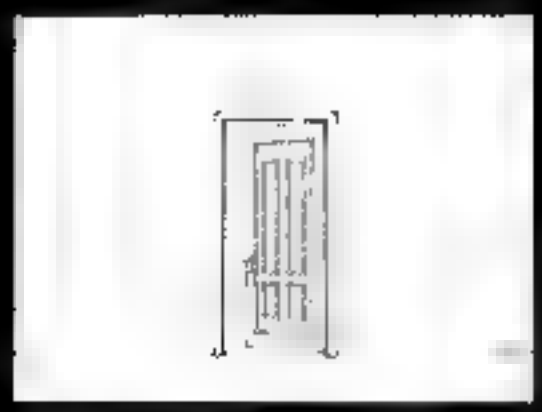
Someone was stretched out flat.

Where is this?







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SURE, I SUPPOSE I COULD TAKE A BREAK

HMM, REALLY?

HI WANIBUCHI.

I JUST MADE SOME GREAT TEA. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME?

GOOD EVENING, UOZUMI.

HM? ISN'T THAT WHY YOU CAME HERE?

WHAT!? DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M WORRIED ABOUT SOME-THING!?

...

SO WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU?

Black tea hmm?

BY THE WAY, THAT GUY— THE ONE WHO COLLECTS THE MORKWALL, I CAN'T REMEMBER HIS NAME.

MM, YEAH, THAT GUY... WHAT WAS HIS NAME AGAIN? I'LL TAKE SOME MILK, PLEASE.

IF YOU SAY SO.

NO... THERE ISN'T ANYTHING TROUBLING ME.

REALLY ..? BUT TODAY HE DIDN'T COME AROUND

TO MY PLACE.

YES, JUST LIKE ALWAYS.

ANYWAY, THAT GUY DID HE DROP BY YOU TO COLLECT THE MORKWALL TODAY?

I'M SURE HE JUST FORGOT

YEAH. MAYBE. THAT MUST BE IT ..

OH?

HE PROBABLY JUST FORGOT.

YEAH.

I DOUBT HE EVEN KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE.

...

BUT I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT .. JUST WHAT ARE THOSE MORKWALL?

ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY YOU THINK HE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH K'S DEATH?

SO WE SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THEM, RIGHT? I MEAN, WHATEVER THE MORKWALL ARE, IT'S HIS JOB TO COME AND COLLECT THEM. RIGHT?

BEATS ME. I DON'T GET IT EITHER. BUT THEN, I'VE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT ..

UMM..
NO, I
WOULDN'T
...

I
WOULDN'T
SAY THAT
...

...

UOZUMI.

DO YOU
HAVE
SOMETHING
YOU WANT
TO TELL
ME?

HEY,
MOM.

I'M SURE HUMANS WOULD GO THE SAME WAY

I SAW A FILM WHERE SOME ANIMALS ROTTED AWAY

I WONDER HOW MUCH HIS CORPSE HAS ROTTED.

MY, YOU REALLY ARE THINKING ABOUT SUCH ADULT THINGS.

I BET K'S GORGEOUS FACE HAS FESTERED AWAY BY NOW, AND MAGGOTS ARE SPEWING FROM HIS MOUTH WHILE THICK BLACK SLIME COVERS HIM AS HE ROTS...

HM, WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT? DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE A SIMPLY ENCHANTING THING TO SEE?

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Chapter 6

HRM . I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS.

OUT OF ORDER

THE KEY TO ROOM 302?

REALLY ...

YOUR DREAM?

WELL, IN MY DREAM ..

WHY ARE YOU SO INTERESTED IN ROOM 302?

SO WHAT?

IF I CHECK OUT ROOM 302, I THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IT MEANS...

THE FIRST TIME, I GUESS HE APPEARED AS A HARPY, SOMETHING WITH A HUMAN HEAD AND THE BODY OF A BIRD. IN THE SECOND DREAM HE WAS LYING BLINDFOLDED IN ROOM 302.

THE SAME MAN KEEPS APPEAR-ING IN MY DREAMS.

HEY, HOLD UP, DON'T GET MAD. THAT GUY IN YOUR DREAM, WHAT DID HE LOOK LIKE?

HOW SILLY IS THAT? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE A PSY-CHOLOGIST NOW?

AND HE WAS OVERALL HANDSOME, THOUGH HIS MOUTH HAD A BIT OF A SARCASTIC TWIST TO IT.

HE HAD BLACK HAIR DOWN TO NEARLY HIS SHOULDERS

A SLENDER, DELICATE JAW...

THAT SO?

THOUGH I COULDN'T REALLY SEE HIM THAT WEL...

HE'S K

THAT'S —!

AHH!

SORRY .. BUT THAT RING...

COULD YOU LET ME SEE IT?

DON'T TOUCH ME!

NO WAY!

I'VE GOT PART OF IT TOO .. IT'S A PUZZLE RING, RIGHT?

PUZZLE .. RING ..?

THE PIECES OF IT LINK TOGETHER TO FORM ONE RING.

YEAH, IN A RING LIKE THIS...

FROM K?

IT WAS A GIFT.

...

..WHY DO YOU HAVE A PIECE?

I FOUND THIS ONE IN K'S ROOM. HOW ABOUT YOU?

WHAT!?

WHY WOULD K GIVE YOU THAT. ?

I DON'T KNOW. I GUESS HE MUST HAVE LIKED ME.

IMPO-SSIBLE.

YEAH, WHEN HE WAS ALIVE.

WHO KNOWS? HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN TWICE MY AGE? HE SEEMED OLD...

...

BUT YOUNG AT THE SAME TIME, LIKE HE WAS MY AGE.

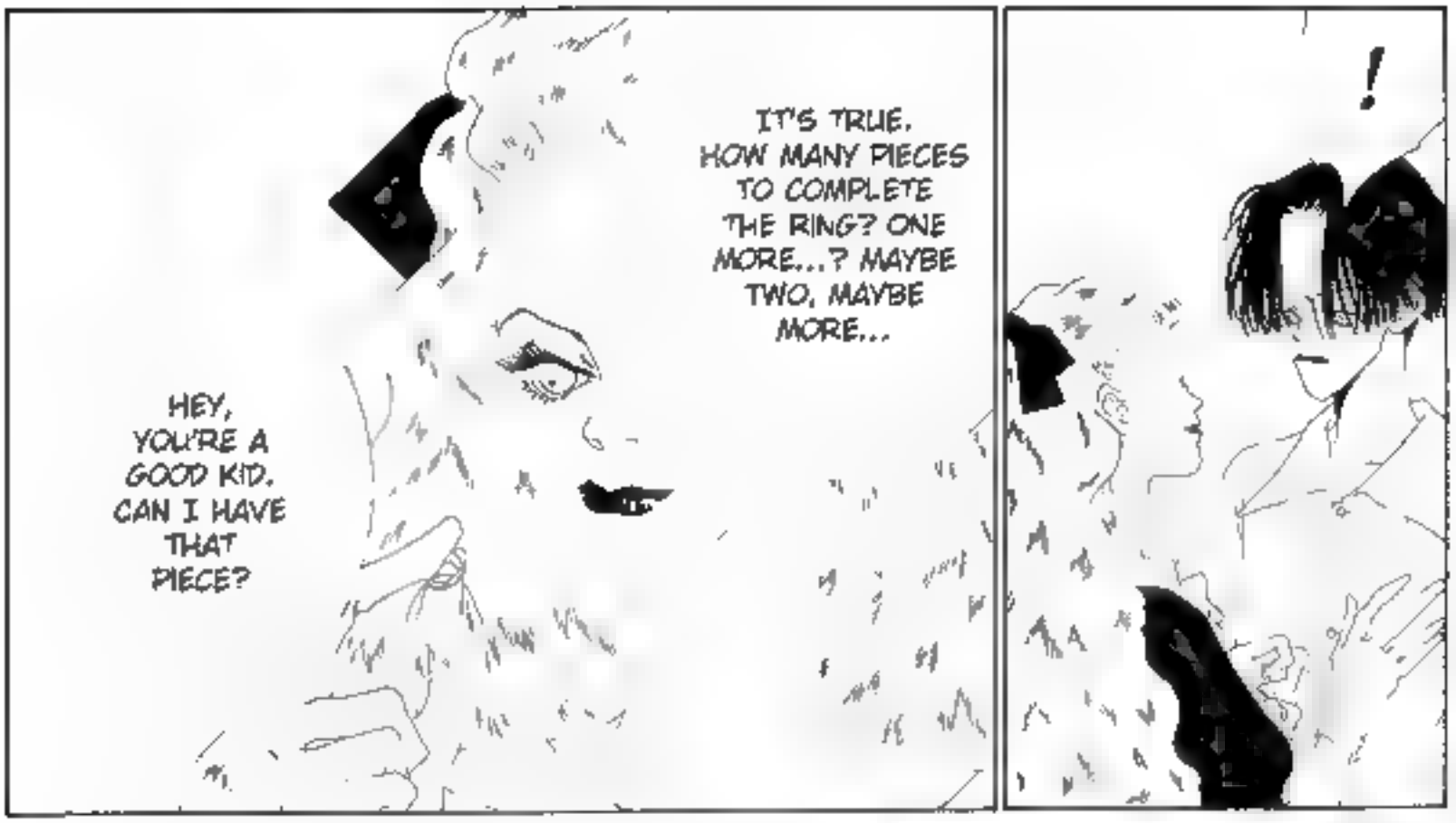
OH, SORRY, IT'S NOTHING ..

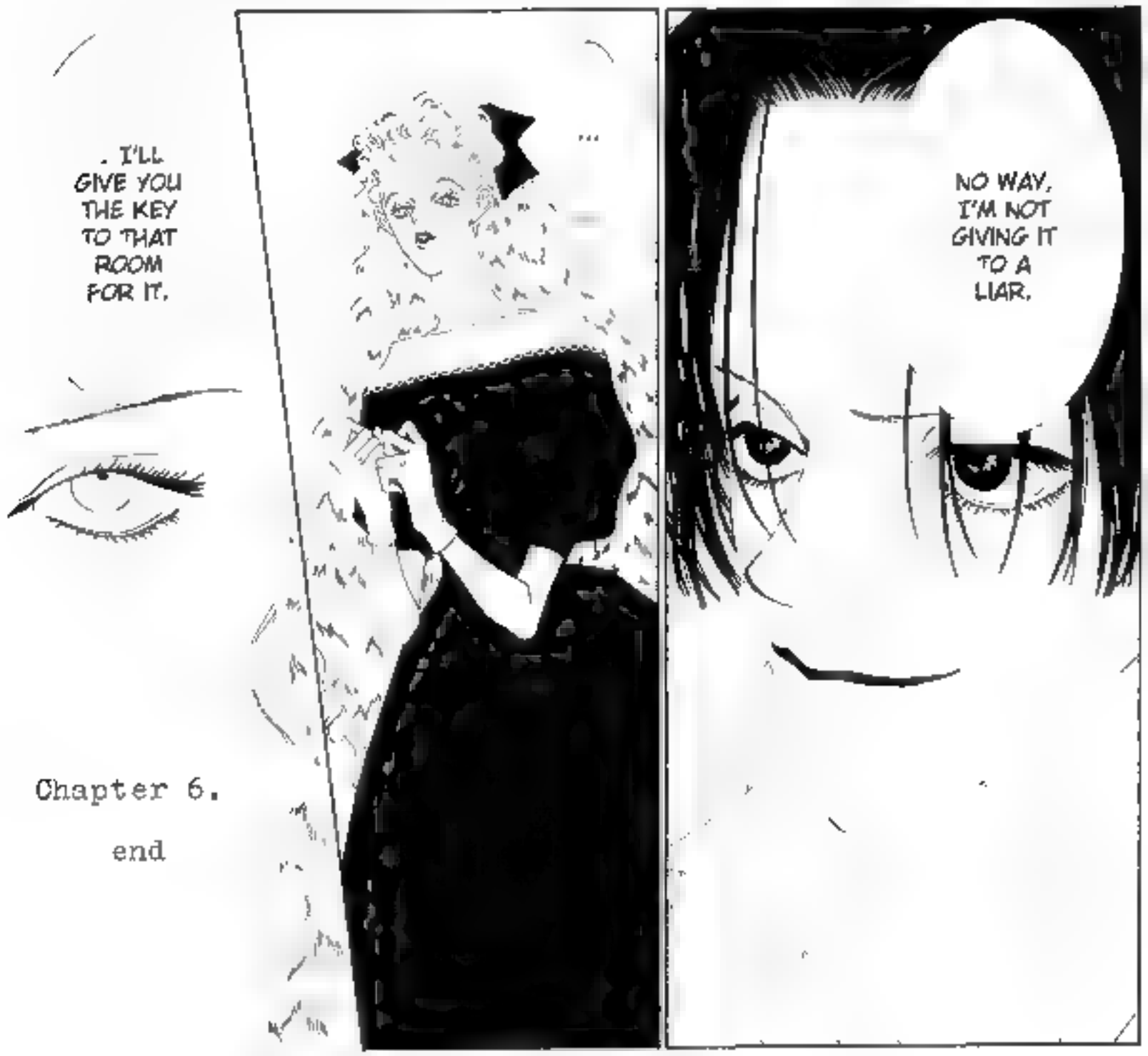
BUT .. WASN'T K MUCH OLDER THAN YOU?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

HEY ..

K'S ALSO DONE THIS TO ME...





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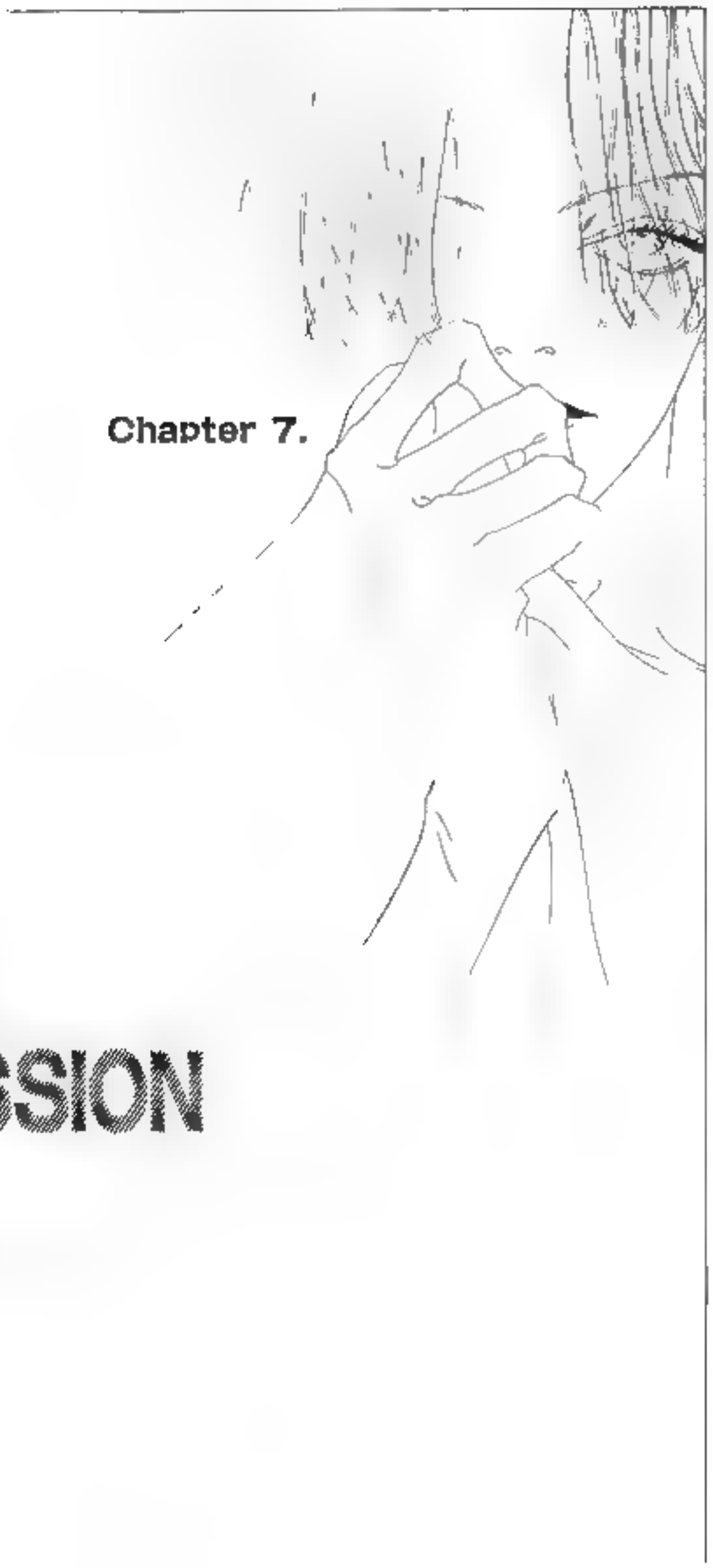

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a funeral PROCESSION of K

I ONLY DID IT BECAUSE I DIDN'T NEED IT ANYMORE.
WHAT IS?
BURYING THE KEY WITH YOUR CAT.
THAT'S JUST WRONG.

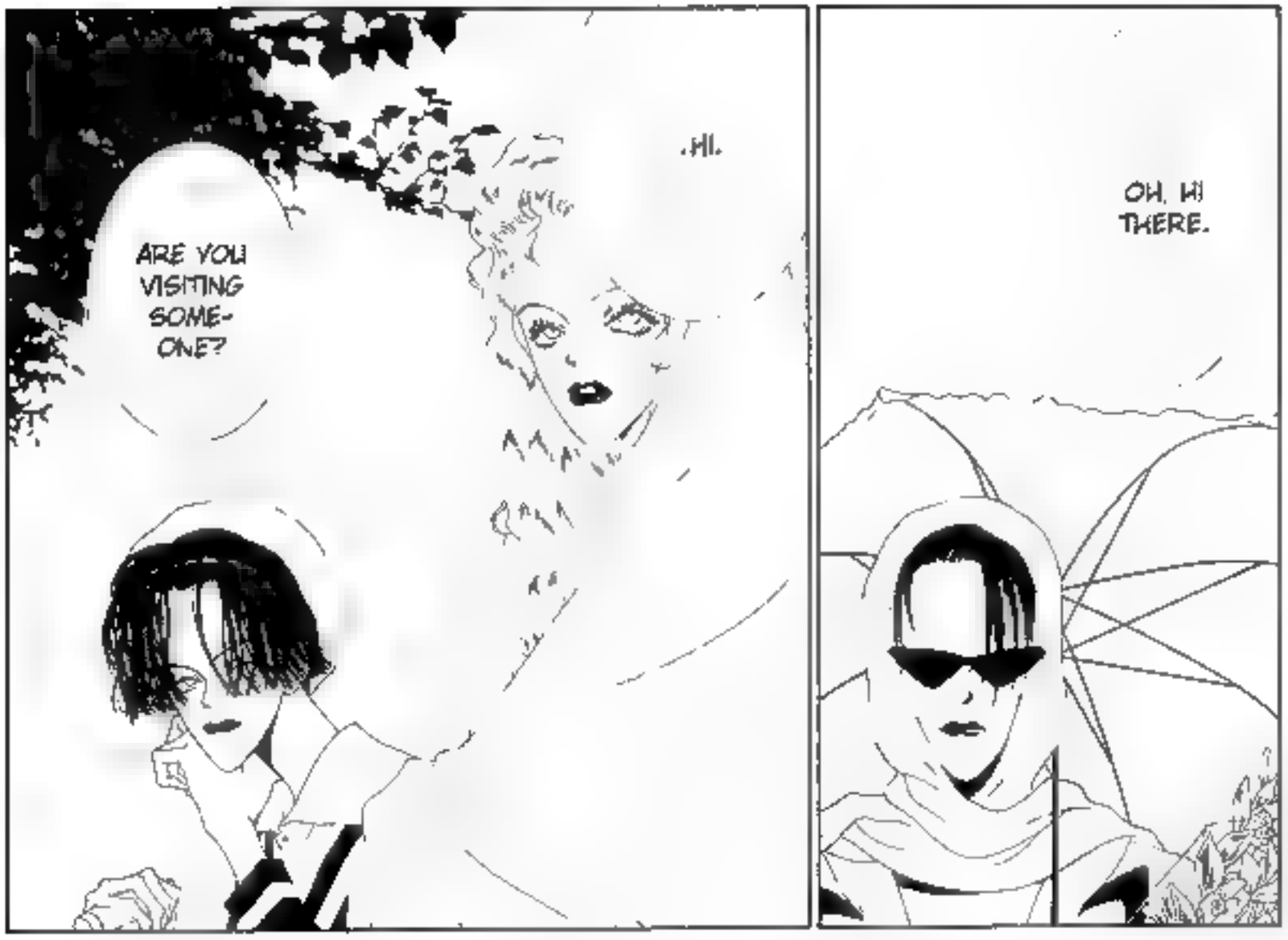
thunk

thunk

thunk

DON'T WORRY, IT WAS A ROBOTIC CAT, SO IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S DECOMPOSING OR ANY-THING

WHICH IS TOO BAD, REALLY.


.HI.
ARE YOU VISITING SOME-ONE?
OH, HI THERE.

YES.
K REALLY LIKED... THESE FLOWERS.

I HATE HER.

WHO IS SHE?

. YES, HE TOLD ME HE DID

EXCUSE ME.

FLOWERS? WAS HE REALLY THE TYPE WHO LIKED FLOWERS?

REALLY? WELL, I THINK SHE'S PRETTY.

SHE HARDLY EVER LEAVES HER ROOM, TOO. IT'S JUST SUSPICIOUS.

SHE'S ON THE FOURTH FLOOR, AND NO ONE KNOWS WHAT SHE DOES FOR A LIVING.

THAT'S A MATTER OF OPINION.

NOW HURRY UP AND DIG.

.. BETTER THAN YOURS.

YOU WOULD GO FOR SOME GAUDY OLD WOMAN.

YOU'VE SURE GOT BAD TASTE.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER SOME MEAT TODAY?

I WENT TO VISIT K'S GRAVE.

OH, YOU LEFT YOUR ROOM? THAT'S UNUSUAL.

I'LL COME BY SOME OTHER TIME, THEN.

NO THANKS ..

MAYBE SHE'S A VAMPIRE.

I MEAN, YOU HARDLY EVER SEE HER DURING THE DAY, AND WHO KNOWS HOW OLD SHE IS...

...

AND THE LOOK IN HER EYES WHEN SHE WAS WITH K, IT'S AS IF...

...MAYBE SHE WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED K?

I'M BACK.

I WENT OUT AND VISITED YOUR GRAVE TODAY.

I EVEN PUT FLOWERS THERE TO SHOW MY LOVE FOR YOU.

...

BUT IT WAS ALL SO STRANGE... SINCE YOU AREN'T EVEN THERE.

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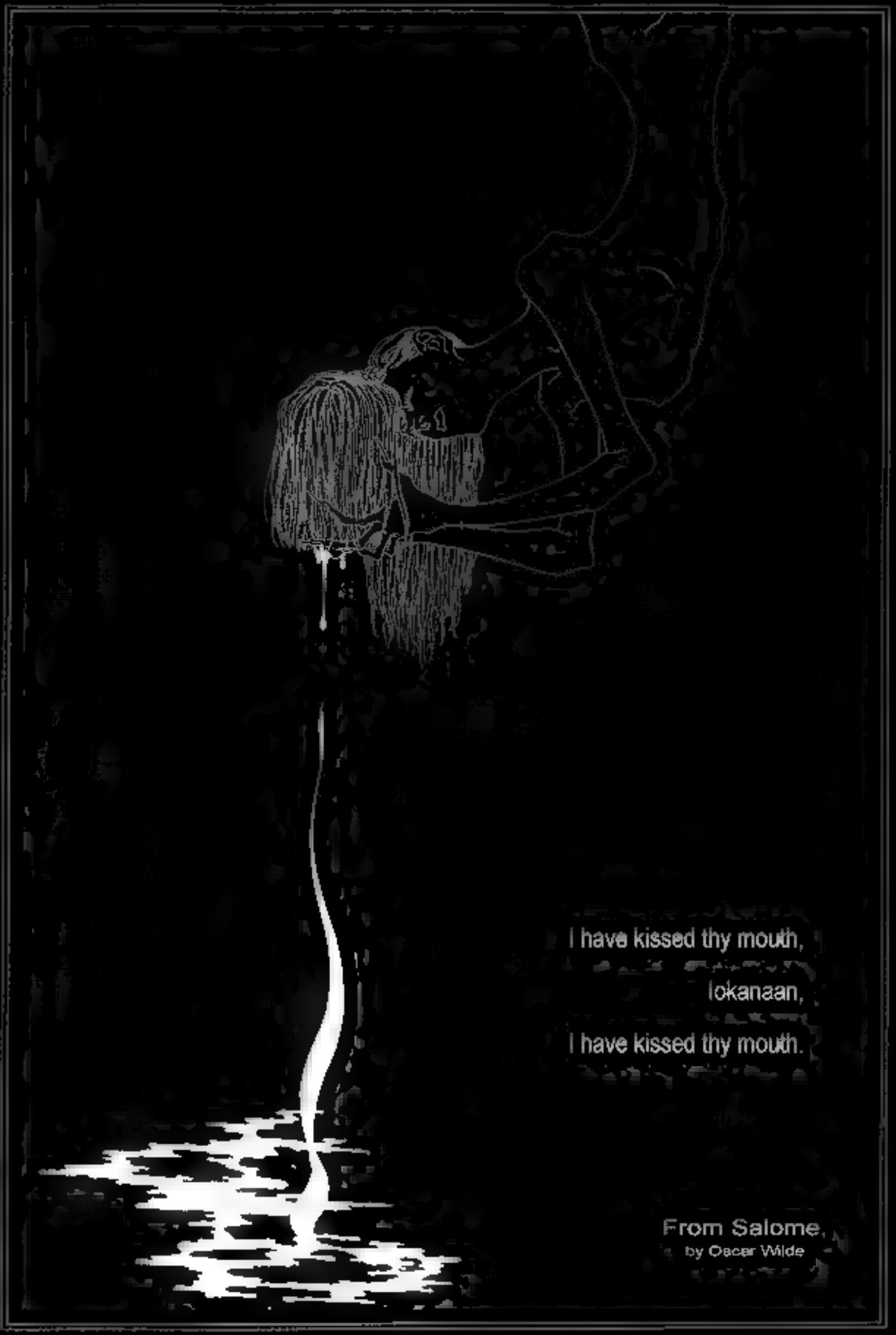
I have kissed thy mouth,
Iokanaan,
I have kissed thy mouth.
From Salome,
by Oscar Wilde

THAT WOMAN'S CAPABLE OF MURDER!

C'MON, WHY DO YOU THINK SHE WOULD..

OPEN UP!

WAIT A SECOND -

LET ME THROUGH! I WANT K BACK

WHO IS IT?

EH?

...

WHAT IS ALL THIS?

K!

ARE YOU SATISFIED?

...

THEY'RE YOURS?

ALL OF THESE ..

IT'S A DOLL.

YES, I MADE THEM.

?

...

..HE USED TO COME TO MY ROOM AND RAMBLE ON AND ON FOR HOURS ...

I MADE A DOLL OF HIM DURING THOSE VISITS.

THIS IS JUST CREEPY. WHY DID YOU MAKE A DOLL OF HIM?

AND YOU DRESSED HIM IN THOSE HORRID CLOTHES.

YOU'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND.

SO WHAT? YOU'RE SAYING YOU HAD A CON-NECTION?

THAT'S A LAUGH. K WAS LONELY? YOU AREN'T SATISFIED UNLESS THE WORLD REVOLVES AROUND YOU.

ARE YOU SURE YOU WEREN'T JUST HALLUCI-NATING?

WHY WOULD K GO STRAIGHT TO YOU TO TALK?

. HE WAS VERY LONELY...

Ah

K WAS JUST A-

Snap

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T GET IT!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. FEEL FREE TO DROP IN ANY TIME.

UM, SORRY ABOUT THE TROUBLE ..

JUST A.. ?

NOTHING, LET'S GO.

AND NEXT TIME, STOP BY ALONE.

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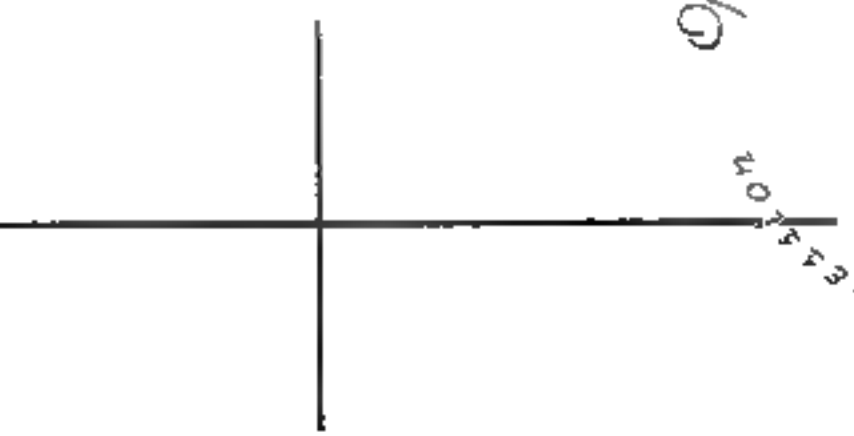


SO ...

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

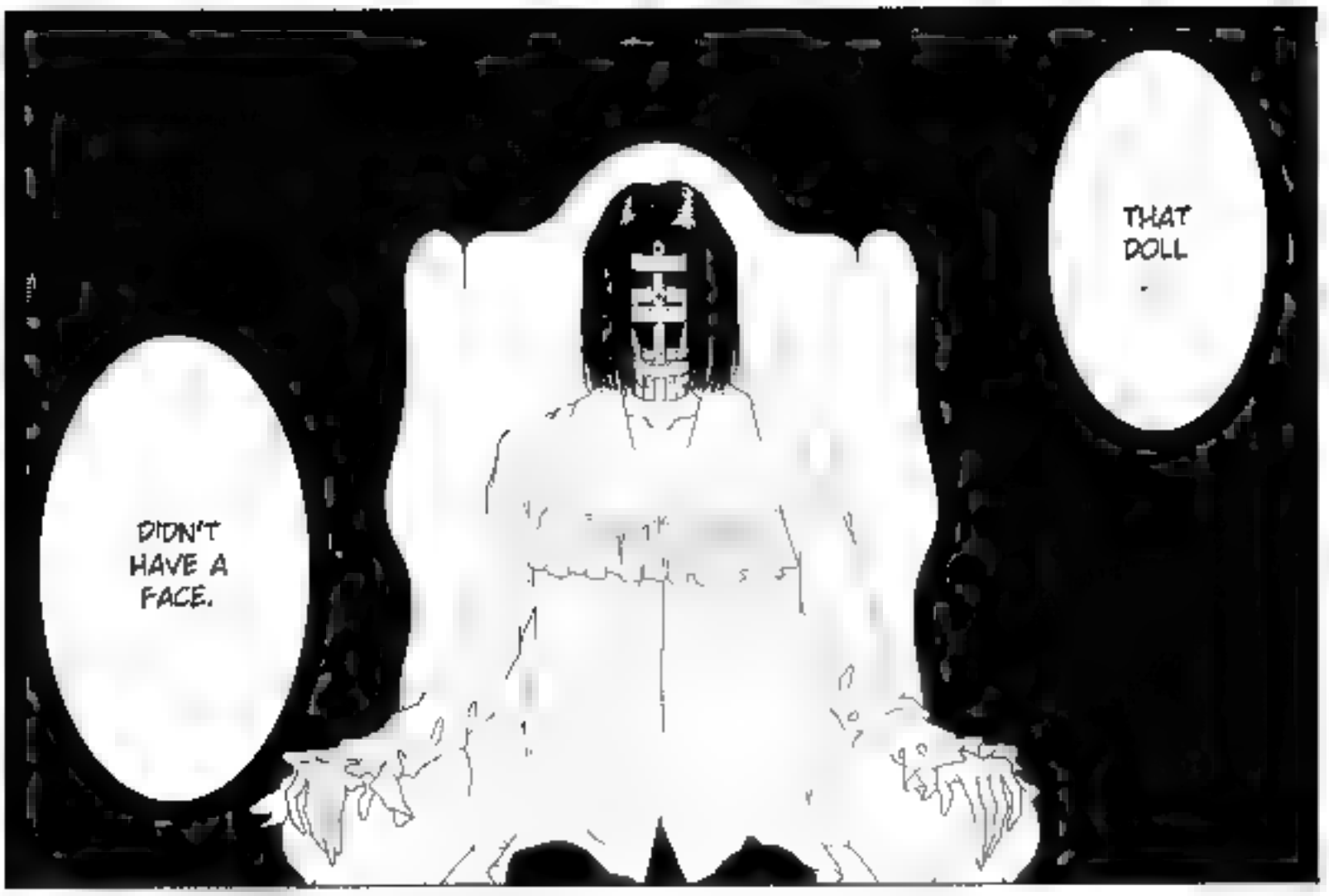
THAT WOMAN'S KIND OF SUSPICIOUS.

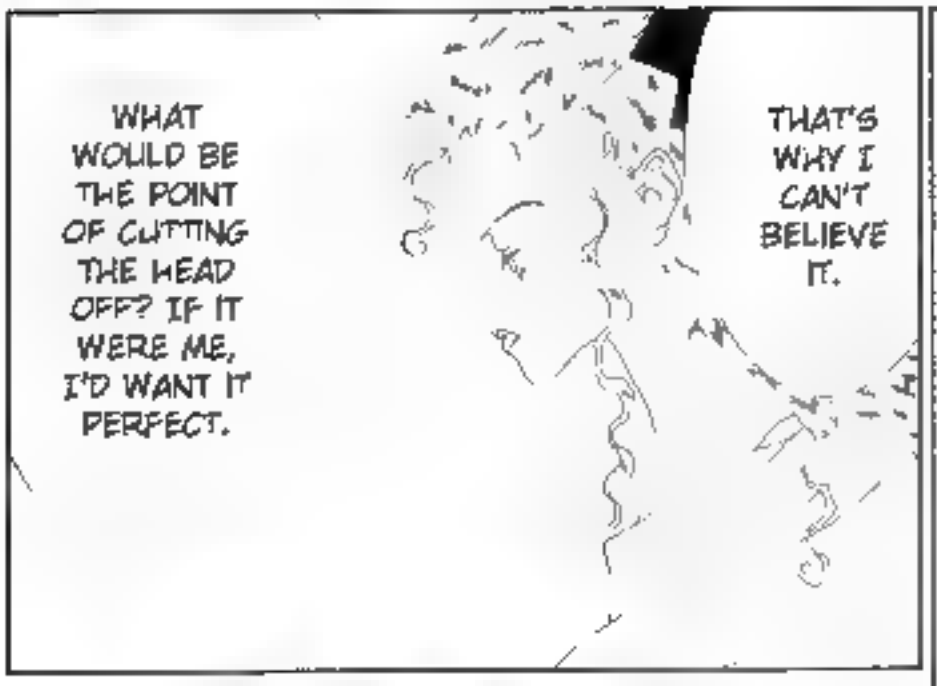
YEAH, TOTALLY SUSPI-CIOUS!

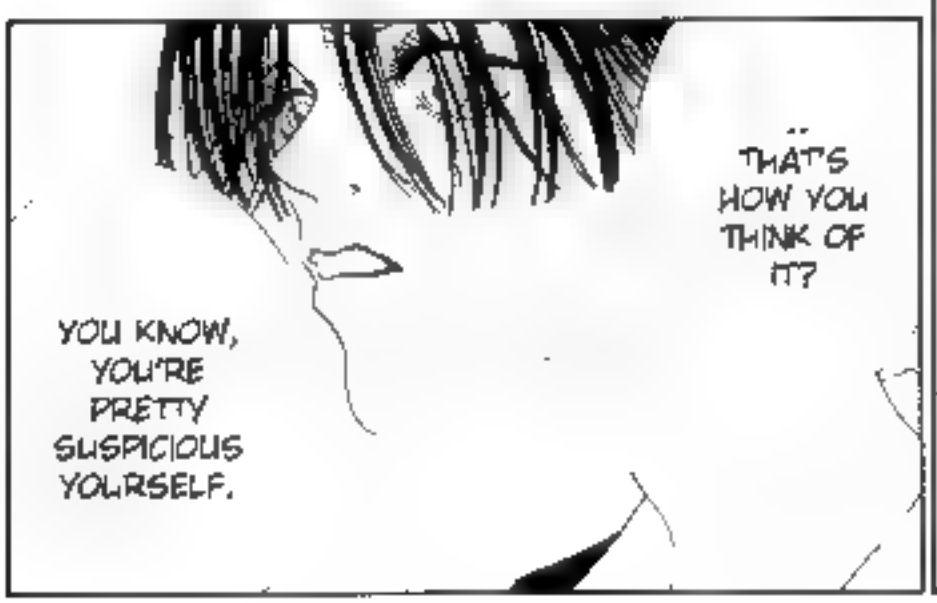
WHY NOT?

NO WAY!

MAYBE K'S BODY IS HIDDEN INSIDE THAT DOLL ..


THAT DOLL.
DIDN'T HAVE A FACE.


WHAT WOULD BE THE POINT OF CUTTING THE HEAD OFF? IF IT WERE ME, I'D WANT IT PERFECT.
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.


YOU KNOW, YOU'RE PRETTY SUSPICIOUS YOURSELF.
.. THAT'S HOW YOU THINK OF IT?

A FACE .?
THEN MAYBE JUST THE HEAD'S MISSING. IF IT WAS CUT OFF ..

...
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNEW K.

YEAH.

ANYWAY, YOU WANTED TO CHECK OUT THAT ROOM, RIGHT?

YOU EVEN DUG UP MY CAT'S GRAVE.

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIND ANYTHING, YOU KNOW.

IT OPENED.

click

OF COURSE.

WAIT, ONE MORE THING.

TELL ME WHY YOU HAD THE KEY TO THIS ROOM.

A DEAL'S A DEAL. NOW TOSS ME THE RING

IT'S THE SAME AS IN MY DREAM

THEN WE'RE EVEN.
YOU'RE EVEN WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.

K. . HE HID THE KEY INSIDE MY CAT'S NECK.
HE ONLY USED THAT ROOM WHEN HE HAD TO.
WHY?
IT'S NOT THAT I HAD THE KEY

.I DON'T KNOW.

REALLY .. SO YOU WEREN'T CLOSE TO K EITHER.

GIVE ME THE RING!

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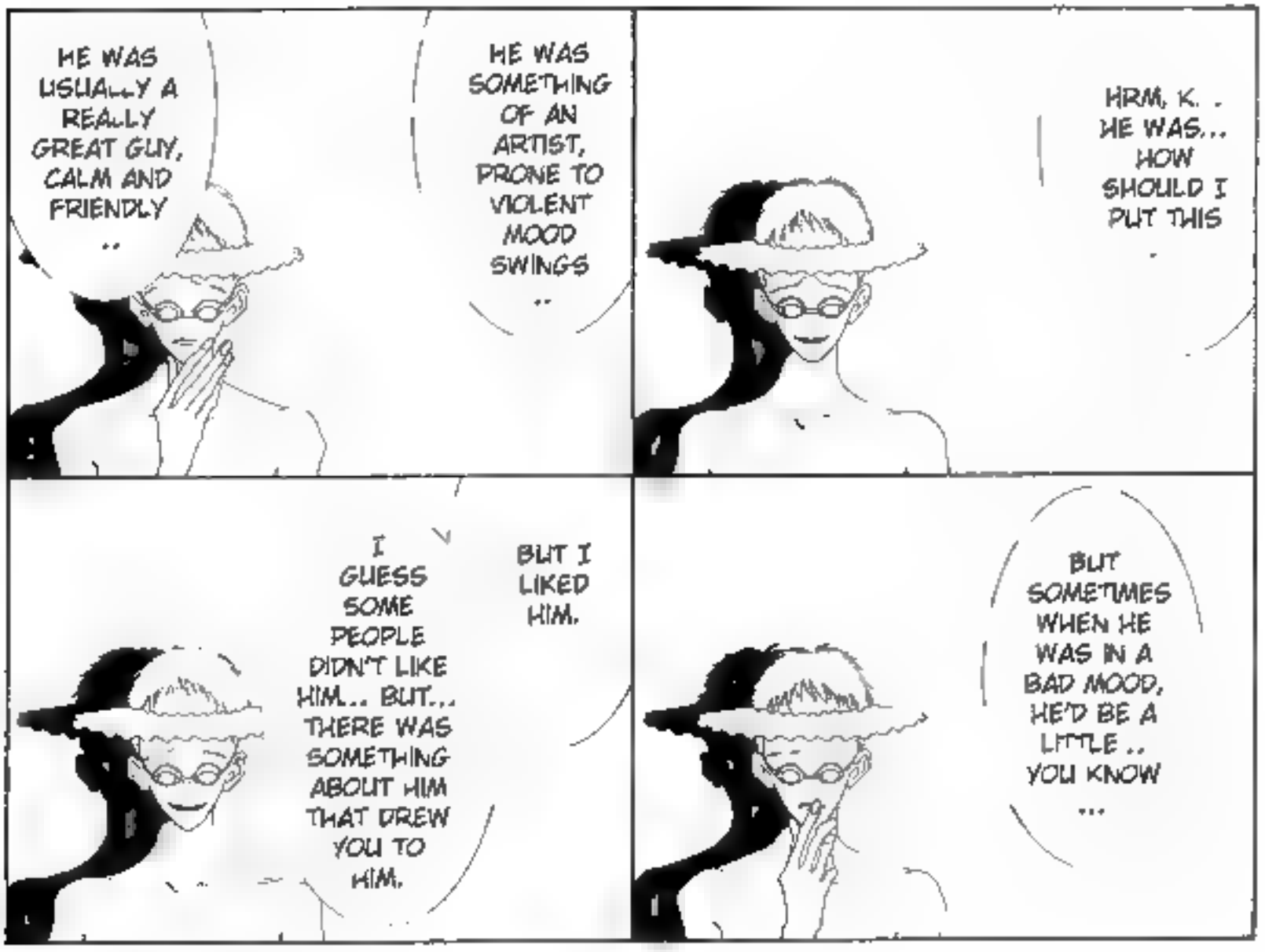
Chapter 10

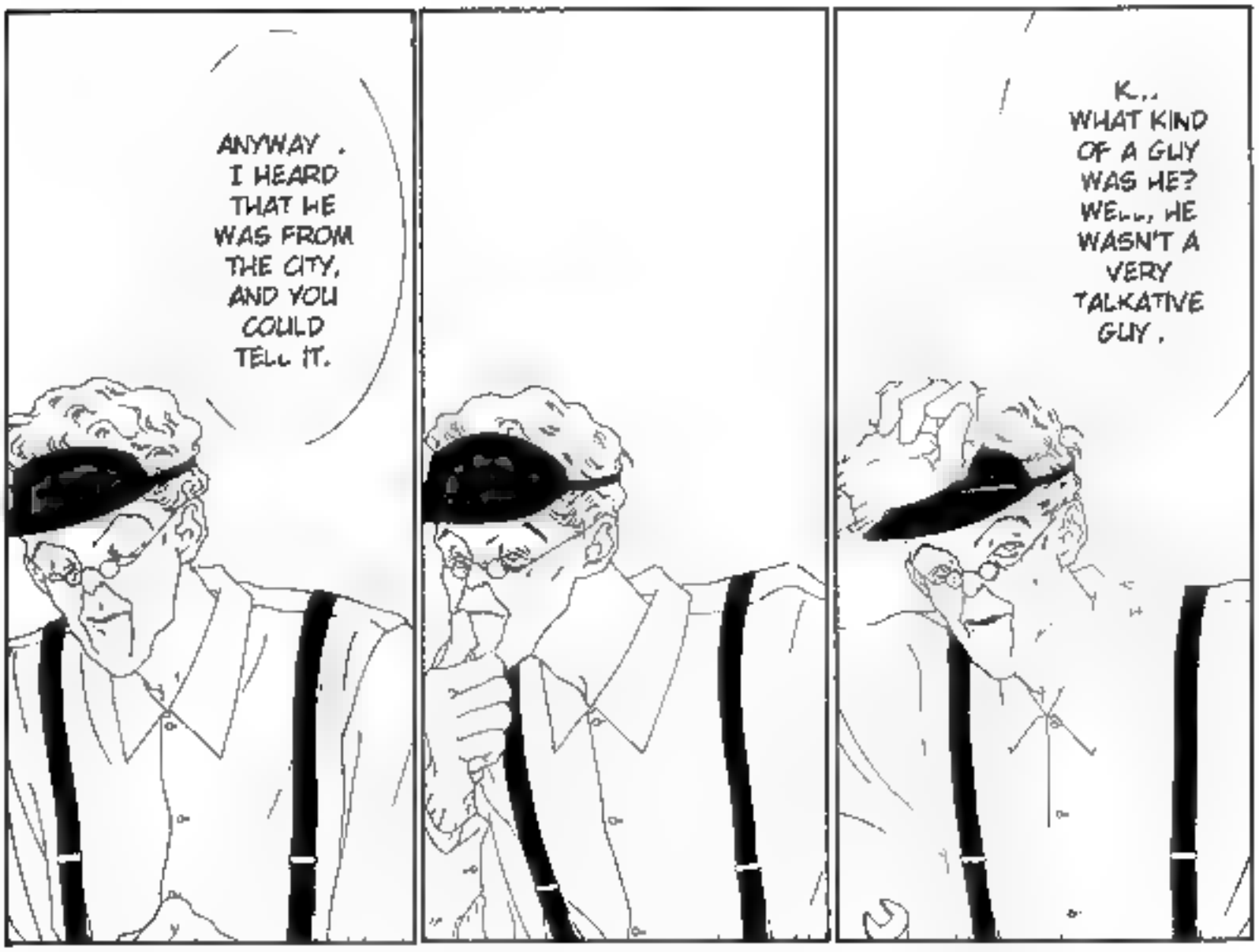
Testimony #1

Room 201 Jozum


HE WAS USUALLY A REALLY GREAT GUY, CALM AND FRIENDLY ..
HE WAS SOMETHING OF AN ARTIST, PRONE TO VIOLENT MOOD SWINGS ..
HRM, K. . HE WAS... HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS .
I GUESS SOME PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE HIM... BUT... THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT HIM THAT DREW YOU TO HIM.
BUT I LIKED HIM.
BUT SOMETIMES WHEN HE WAS IN A BAD MOOD, HE'D BE A LITTLE .. YOU KNOW ...

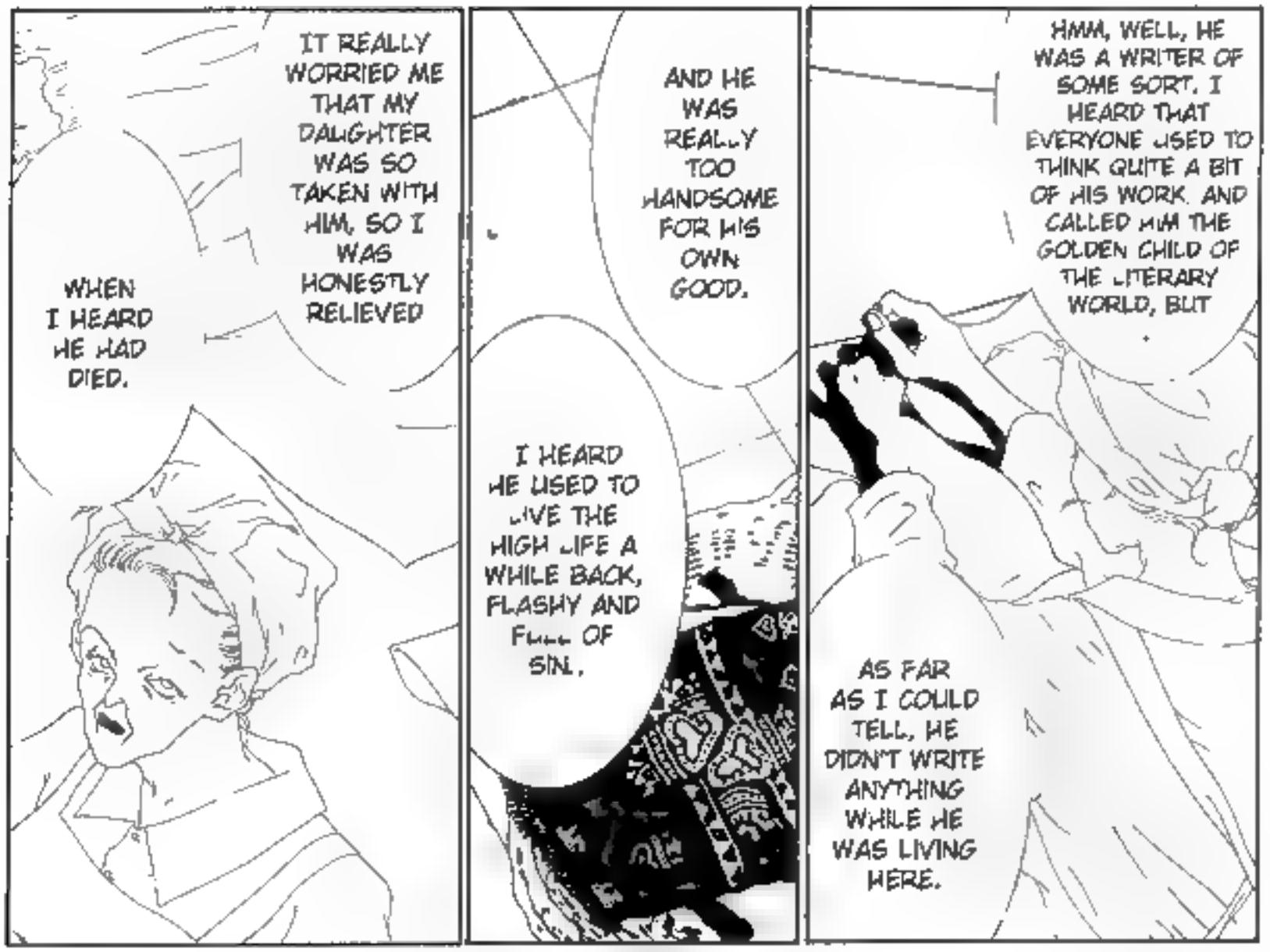
Testimony #2

Room 105 Wanibuchi



Testimony #3

Room 304 The Mother of the Deceitful Girl


IT REALLY WORRIED ME THAT MY DAUGHTER WAS SO TAKEN WITH HIM, SO I WAS HONESTLY RELIEVED
WHEN I HEARD HE HAD DIED.
AND HE WAS REALLY TOO HANDSOME FOR HIS OWN GOOD.
I HEARD HE USED TO LIVE THE HIGH LIFE A WHILE BACK, FLASHY AND FULL OF SIN.
HMM, WELL, HE WAS A WRITER OF SOME SORT. I HEARD THAT EVERYONE USED TO THINK QUITE A BIT OF HIS WORK. AND CALLED HIM THE GOLDEN CHILD OF THE LITERARY WORLD, BUT
AS FAR AS I COULD TELL, HE DIDN'T WRITE ANYTHING WHILE HE WAS LIVING HERE.

click

ARE YOU PLAYING DETEC-TIVE?

SO SHE WAS AGAINST YOU AND K... I JUST DON'T GET IT.

SHE'S ONE OF THOSE STUPID PEOPLE WHO ONLY CARES ABOUT FITTING IN.

DON'T EXPECT TO GET ANYTHING OUT OF MY MOM.

Testimony #4 Room 304 The Girl

I'M NOT. IT'S BECAUSE THIS WORLD IS FILLED WITH BORING PEOPLE LIKE HER, THAT K DIDN'T GET THE RESPECT HE DESERVED

YOU DON'T SOUND VERY HAPPY WITH HER.

Testimony #5

Room 404 The Doll maker

I SUPPOSE HE WAS HAPPY THAT WAY
HE WAS ALWAYS LIVING ON THE EDGE.
HE WAS LIKE A WOUNDED CHILD
HE ... WAS SENSITIVE, YET CLUMSY .. I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT IT WAS ABOUT HIM THAT CHARMED ME

Testimony #6

Room 502 The Morkwall Collector

WHAT EVERYONE SAYS ABOUT HIM JUST DOESN'T FIT TOGETHER.

SO I'M HAVING TROUBLE GETTING A GOOD PICTURE OF WHAT HE WAS REALLY LIKE.

K?

YOU WANT ME TO DESCRIBE HIM IN ONE SENTENCE?

Testimony #7 Room 101 The Butcher

...

BUT ANYWAY, K, HRM ..

THAT'S BECAUSE

THAT'S JUST HOW K WAS.

HIS SMILE ALWAYS SEEMED A LITTLE LONELY.

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A funeral procession of K

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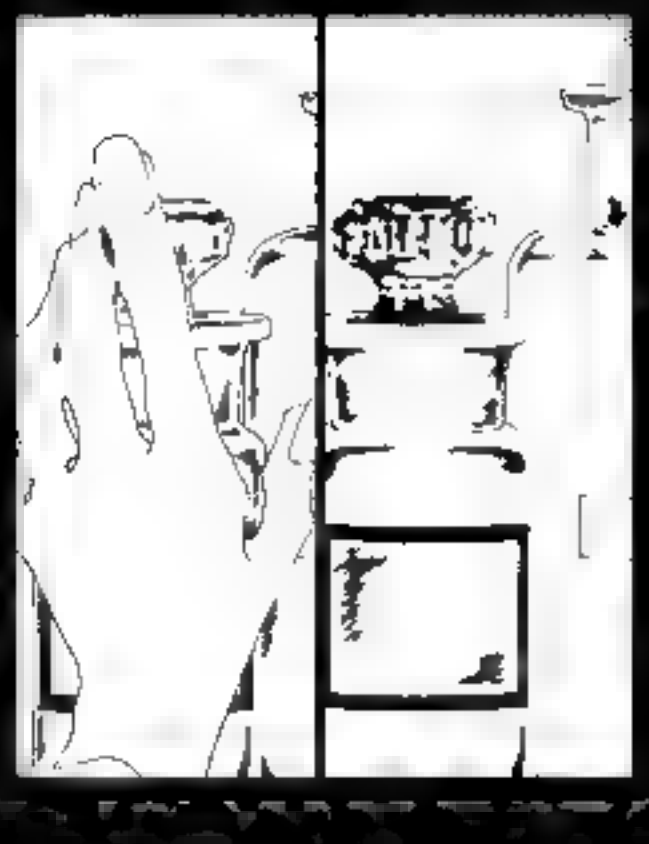
I GUESS I'M BACK TO SQUARE ONE.
THERE REALLY ISN'T ANYTHING HERE.



SURE, RIGHT AWAY.

400 GRAMS OF ROAST CALF. MAKE IT A ROUND CUT I ALSO WANT TO HAVE FONDUE WITH THE SCRAPS, SO DON'T THROW ANY AWAY.

HEY ...

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A CORPSE TO ROT?

A CORPSE.

WHAT?

LIKE ..

LIKE A HUMAN'S?

THE CORPSE OF A BIG ANIMAL.

THAT'S RIGHT,

LIKE A HUMAN'S.

BUT THAT'S JUST A GUESS.

OF COURSE, I'VE NEVER STORED ANY HUMAN FLESH.. EXCUSE ME, CORPSES.

IF IT'S STORED IN A FREEZER, IT WOULD LAST FOR QUITE A WHILE.

IT DEPENDS ON THE CONDITIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

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I DON'T WANT ONE.

FOR A LIMITED TIME, YOU GET A FREE DUCK EGG WITH YOUR PURCHASE.

HERE'S YOUR CALF ROAST.

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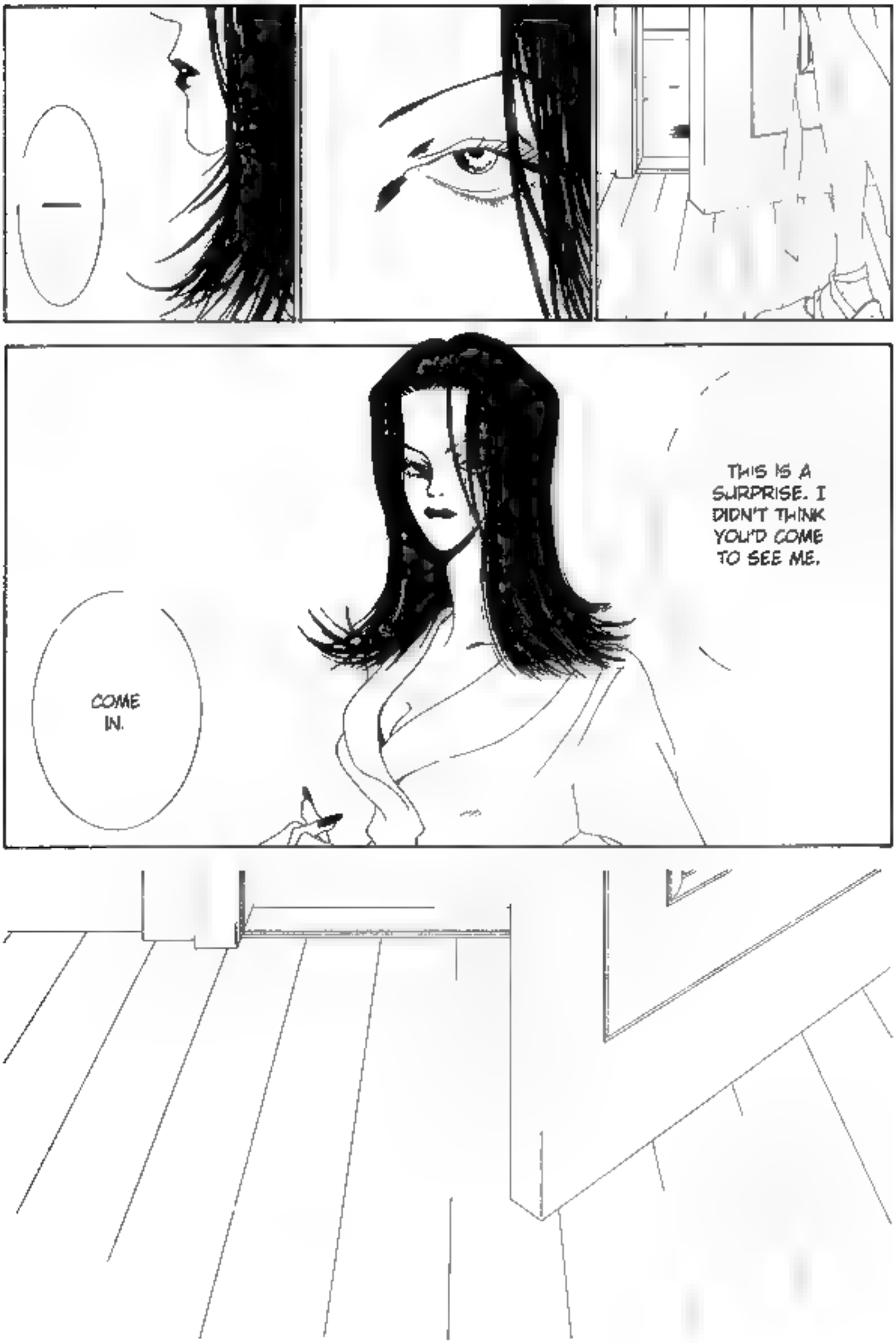
WHO IS IT?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COME IN.
THIS IS A SURPRISE. I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME TO SEE ME.

My mother has killed me,

My father is eating me,

My brothers and sisters sit under the table picking up my bones

And burying them.

Adapted from Mother Goose

chnk

It was..

another dream..

NO!

I'VE STARTED TO UNDERSTAND IT A LITTLE.

FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS... I'VE BEEN THINKING SOME THINGS OVER.

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT, AND.

SHALL I BEGIN?

I THINK
..

I KNOW
WHO
KILLED K.

EXCUSE ME ..

YES?

HI THERE, UM

SORRY.

NO, NOTHING

WELL ..

OKAY.

AH!

WELL, TO BE HONEST, I WANT TO MOVE THE TUB ...

COULD YOU HELP ME OUT?

REALLY? THEN I'LL COME BY TOMORROW TO CHECK AGAIN.

WAIT!

WELL,

I DON'T HAVE ANY MORKWALL, BUT...

WHAT NOW?

IS WHY YOU HAD TO KILL K.

BUT THE THING THAT I JUST CAN'T FIGURE OUT ..

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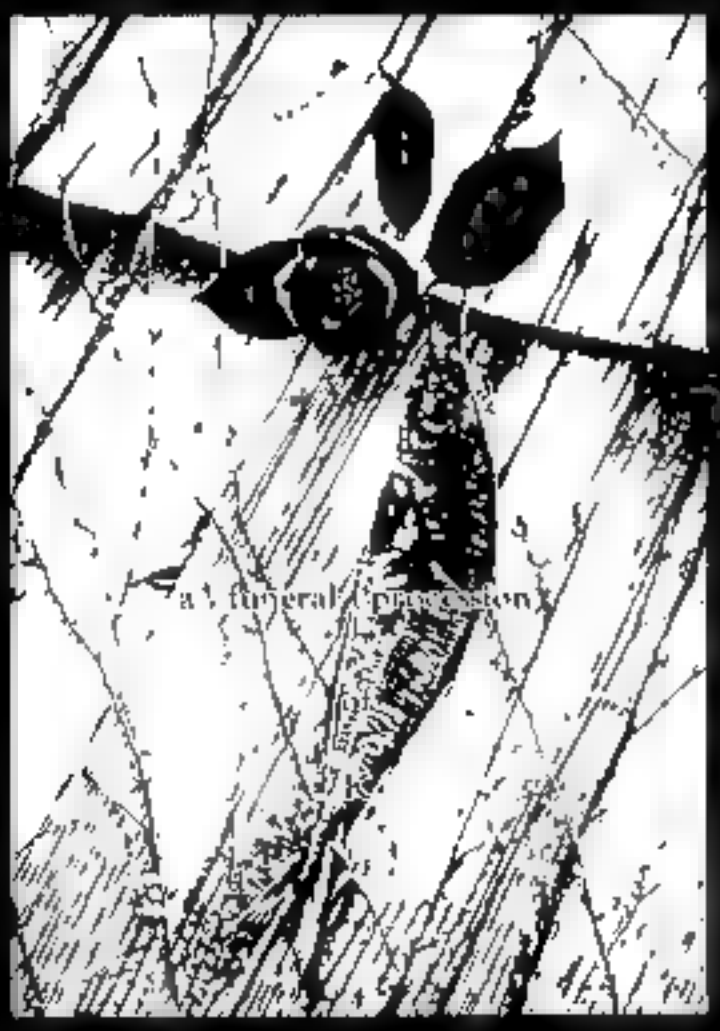

MOZUMI

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP...

JUST A BIT MORE TO THE RIGHT

THIS TUB. WASN'T THERE SOMETHING IN IT?

MOZUMI.

Y-YES?

S. SOME THING... WHAT...

CLONK

HUH!?

AH!

NO... I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD HELP ME GET THE TUB OFF FIRST

AHH, I'M SO SORRY!

AHHH! I'M SO SORRY! LET'S FIX UP YOUR FOOT!

It really hurts

THE TUB FELL ON MY FOOT WHEN YOU DROPPED IT

I'LL BE FINE. WOULD YOU MIND LENDING ME A HAND TO GET TO THE ELEVATOR?

BUT YOU HAVE TO WALK ALL THE WAY UP TO THE FIFTH FLOOR...

IS THAT BETTER?

YES, I'M FINE.

IF YOU WON'T HELP ME THERE, I'LL GO BY MYSELF.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN ...

EH?

NO, IT SHOULD BE FIXED BY NOW. I WAS PRETTY IRRITATED WHEN IT BROKE, AND THERE'S NO REASON WHY IT SHOULDN'T WORK.

BUT THE ELEVATOR'S OUT OF ORDER..

SURE.

PUSH THE BUTTON.

BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO IF IT REALLY HASN'T BEEN FIXED?

I'LL JUST USE THE STAIRS.

OH, OKAY THEN ..

thump

SEE, IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S WORKING.

AH!

dang

2 3 4 5 R J

THE FIFTH FLOOR, HRM. THERE WE GO.

THANKS.

YOU CAN GO GO BACK IF YOU WANT.

NO... I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU, SO I'LL COME ALONG.

...

SMELLS.

LIM ...

M-MAYBE I'M IMAGINING IT... BUT SOME-THING... KIND OF ...

!!

I'LL CALL FOR HELP!

WE SHOULDN'T! WE SHOULD... THAT'S RIGHT, I'LL GET WANIBUCHI!

I... I'M NOT TOO HEAVY?

NO, LET'S MAKE SURE OF IT FIRST.

YOU'RE HEAVY, JUST MAKE IT QUICK.

-jolt

CALM DOWN. WANIBUCHI WAS PROBABLY THE ONE WHO DID IT.

WHAT, ME?

GO AND MAKE SURE IT'S THERE. YOU CAN STAND ON MY SHOULDERS.

UM, OKAY ...

YES.

clack

AH ...

IS IT?

IT ...

IS IT THERE?

IT'S HERE ...

HIS CORPSE.

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Hot hot hot

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